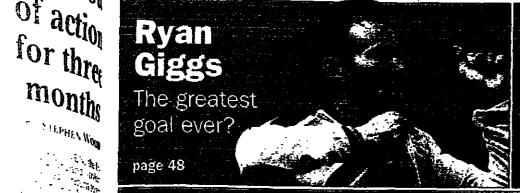
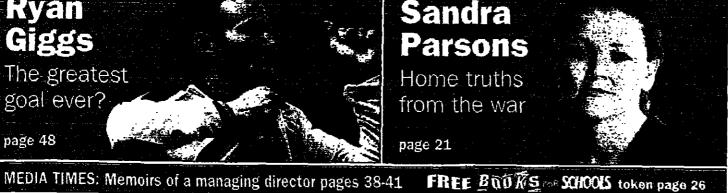
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Nato admits bombing convoy

Confusion over 'tragic accident' in which 72 died

By MICHAEL EVANS. DEFENCE EDITOR. AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

NATO'S admission yesterday that an American Fl6 pilot mistakenly bombed a convoy of fleeing Albanian refugees failed to resolve the confusing picture over the raid. Belgrade claims that at least 72 people were killed.

Nato released a transcript of the pilot's account of the bombing in which he said he fired at "three uniformlyshaped dark green vehicles" which he believed contained Yugoslav forces involved in setting fire to villages near Dakovica in southwest Kosovo.

Yesterday, Western journalists were taken by the Yugoslav authorities to see the wreckage of tractors and other vehicles on the Prizren to Dakovica road, which is used daily by civilian and military

Shrapnel with American military markings was seen scattered over the road.

With General Hugh Shelton, the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, warning Congress yesterday that allied airstrikes might have to continue until midsummer, the tragic error was being viewed as a major blow to the cam-

Nato confirmed after many hours of confusing - sometimes contradictory - statements that a truck hit by the Fit had been carrying civilians. But officials were unable to give any estimate of casual-

The precise location of the attack was also unclear. One Nato report indicated that the vehicles were on a dirt track, and yet pictures taken of the wrecked vehicles showed they were on a proper road.

Nato remained convinced

that the convoy was being escorted by military vehicles. Brigadier-General

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Two ethnic Albanian sisters, ten-year-old Sabrneta Nuraj, right, and Besijana, 11 months, in hospital in Dakovica. Their mother was killed in the Nato attack on the village of Meja

Giuseppe Marani, a Nato military spokesman, said another Nato aircraft had later attacked a second convoy comprising three trucks, but that they were carrying only Serb

Adding further to the confusion, refugees arriving in Albania said that a column of vehicles they were travelling in was attacked by a Yugoslav MiG fighter and that at least

six people were killed. In a statement acknowledging responsibility for the attack on the refugee convoy, Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, expressed "deep regret" for the deaths. "Our Opera-Allied Force launched to save civilian lives, not expend them," he said.

However, he added: "Despite these accidents, we have to continue. One tragic accident cannot, and will not, undermine our commitment to saving lives or weaken our re-

"No conflict in history has ever been accident-free. We can reduce the risk of accidents but we cannot eliminate them altogether."

In Washington, William Co-hen, the US Defence Secretary, said Nato would continue to intensify the bombing campaign. George Robertson. Britain's Defence Secretary. flew to Washington last night to hold talks with Mr Cohen about the way the campaign is Tony Blair said the allies should not flinch from blaming President Milosevic for the deaths. He said: "We are not going to take any lessons from Milosevic about care for refugees when these refugees are actually in a convoy because they are fleeing from the butchery, the savagery, the rape, the torture, the mutilation, of ordinary innocent peo-

The alliance said it had video footage from the bungled strike, but did not show it yesterday - as it did earlier this week after the air attack on a bridge near Leskovac which hit passenger train. Instead, it offered a post-mission recording by the unnamed US pilot who led a flight of two air-

Although Nato appeared only to have confirmed that a single truck had been hit. Belgrade still insisted that at least 72 people had been killed. The Yugoslav authorities also nians. claimed that the final death toli from the attack on the passenger train on Monday had

risen to 55. Originally, the figure was ten, with 16 injured. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, while regretting the civilian deaths, said he had a

number of questions he would like to ask Mr Milosevic. He asked: "Why was this a mixed convoy of civilians and Serbian police? What precisely were the special police doing with these civilians? Were they there as human shields?" Mr Cook also said he hoped

that Western journalists taken to the scene would demand to visit all the sites in Kosovo where Yugoslav forces had comitted atrocities against Alba-

He said: "In this new spirit of openness, will Mr Milosevic allow those journalists to visit the sites of mass graves ... and the villages that have been shelled and

torched and cleared?" Underlining the intention to maintain round-the-clock bombing, there were further attacks reported yesterday on an army barracks at Rakovica and two television transmitters. There were also reports of 11 explosions in Pristina, the

Kosovo capital. RAF Harriers also took advantage of clear skies over Kos

ovo to step up their cluster

bomb attacks on mobile tar-

Meanwhile, the Government and refugee organisations are drawing up plans for the arrival of several thousand refugees at Stansted airport.

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۱ My daughter talks into her toy phone: 'Yes, they threw bombs at their houses. Terrible, isn't it?" Of course she doesn't know what a bomb is. My stomach is weak with shock ?

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The negotiations with the Serbs should be conducted Nato and Russia jointly. Moscow has more influence with Belgrade than anyone else and the Russian public must be shown that the West sees Russia as having an essential role to play ?

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John Simpson accused of Serb bias

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN SIMPSON, the BBC's veteran foreign correspondent, has run into fierce criticism from the Government

over his coverage from Belgrade. Mr Simpson, the World Affairs Editor, who has reported most of the big in-ternational conflicts of the past decade. has been accused by government sources of falling short of the standards expected of a leading journalist. In an astonishing attack senior offi-

cials accused him of presenting at face value claims by the Serbs about damage done by Nato attacks, being grossly simplistic in suggesting that the Nato assault has united the Serb population and Milosevic's forces, and of swallowing Serb propaganda about the impact of Nato's air raids. In private, officials are using strong lan-

guage. Although the BBC precedes all Mr Simpson's dispatches with a "health warning" explaining that they are being monitored by the Serbs, officials in Downing Street say that he fails to display scepticism.

The Government's critics are certain

to say that in criticising such a respected correspondent it is overreacting. But the criticisms of Mr Simpson are symptomatic of a wider dissatisfaction in the Government over the BBC's coverage of conflicts in which Nato is involved. Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's Press Secretary, George Robert-

Cook, the Foreign Secretary, all com-plained formally about the BBC's coverage during the Iraq bombingr.
"It did not change anything then and so far we have not officially complained this time, " an informed govern-

son, the Defence Secretary, and Robin

ment source said yesterday. "But it

may well come to that." Most of the criticism has been levelled by officials off-the-record. There was fury over a series of interviews Mr Simpson did with Serb civilians this week in which they declared that the Nato bombing had strengthened their support for Milosevic. They say that he should have pointed out that with the Serbs monitoring the media they could have hardly said anything different.

Yesterday there was anger over an assertion by Mr Simpson that the Serbs must have been sure of their ground on the responsibility for the Kosovo bombing accident because they were taking journalists to the site. One said: "Do us a favour John. There is a history of journalists being taken to see damage that has been self-inflicted." The BBC strongly defended Mr

Simpson. A spokesman said that his reports of what was happening in Belgrade had been confirmed by independent journalists based there. "He can move without security police in Belgrade but is at great personal risk on the streets. His television film packages are monitored but his voice reports on radio and TV are not and that is

made clear." Richard Ayre, deputy chief executive of BBC News, said: "I pay tribute to John Simpson's courage and the integrity of his reporting. It is important that audiences are given a true account of the public mood in Belgrade, not simply an account of what Nato governments might prefer to hear."

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Almost the cough that carried him off

By MARK HENDERSON

AN INNOCENT Welshman narrowly escaped a prison sentence after a judge mis-heard the jury's verdict be-

cause of a courtroom cough. As the foreman of the jury at Cardiff Crown Court rose to deliver a "not guilty" ver-dict on Alan Rashid, 32, who was charged with making a threat to kill, a fellow juror

cleared his throat. Judge Michael Gibbon clearly heard "guilty" but the was obscured and he jailed Mr Rashid for two vears before thanking the jury for their efforts during the two-day trial and releasing

Mr Rashid was taken to the cells to begin his sentence and would have been none the wiser had not a confused juror asked a court usher why the defendant had been jailed after being found not guilty. In a case believed to be the first of its kind in Britain, a be-

mused Mr Rashid was then

led back to the dock and told

by Judge Gibbon that he was

free to go. He turned to his mother at the back of the court and punched the air. Until the juror spoke up, his collegues had thought Mr

Rashid must have been being sentenced for another charge that he had admitted. Nobody thought about the cough until Crown Prosecution Lawyers reviewed the court tape, on which it was clearly audible a split second ahead of a loud "guilty" from the foreman.

Nicholas Williamson, court manager at Cardiff Crown Court, said Mr Rashid had

been "very relieved" by the eventual outcome. "It was a very bizarre situation," he said. The foreman of the jury indicated a guilty verdict and the court proceeded to sentence the defendant."

A spokesman for the Col-

lege of Law in Guildford later confirmed that Mr Rashid's escape was unique. "It is hard to be absolutely sure given the long history of English law but this is certainly the first case of this kind that my colleagues or I can think of,"



hand and repeat after

Once upon a time, there were seven tax relief measures

"Are you sitting comfortably? Now, children. I want you to listen to some lovely stories which Aunty Patricia, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has been reading to MPs at Treasury Questions.

Do sit still and listen carefully, because Trish has some very important things to tell you. They're a tiny bit complicated in places, but clever boys and girls, and I know you all are — do stop making faces, Master Maude - will understand all the very nice things Trish will explain about Uncle Gordon's wise and sensible economic policies.

*Oh -- sorry, children --

will you wait a moment while I just tell the grown-ups what ve're doing?

What we're doing, grownups, is introducing the Economic Secretary. Patricia Hewitt, at the Dispatch Box yesterday morning. Ms Hewitt, in whom I am having increasing difficulty in believing, wore an equ-de-Nile silk blouse with mega-shoulders. and radiated glitter-quality. You could imagine her stepping from a stretched white

And she addressed MPs in the most extraordinary manner. It took this sketchwriter back to infancy, watching a



1950s children's television programme called Rag, Tag and Bobtail, and hearing Listen with Mother on the BBC.

To get into the Hewitt groove, we must preface her answers with an imaginary fairytale opening: then interject the same tone into the real ext. So stop fidgeting. Let's follow Aunty's answer to Richard Burden (Lab. Birmingham Northfield). But first ... "This is the story of Gold-

tax reforms ever seen in our country! There was a jar of delicious strawberry jam, a big.

One morning, a pretty little girl called Goldilocks fetched

her basket and filled it with

lovely food for her grand-mother, who lived in the for-

est and was far from well ...
"And this year's Budget contains the most far reach-

ing package of environmen-

tasty cheese, and a crusty loaf of really yummy bread, all covered over with a pretty gingham tea-towel ...

They include a fifty five ound reduction in Vehicle Excise Duty for smaller cars! Fundamental reform of company car taxation! Changes in fuel duty to encourage cleaner fuels! And seven new tax relief measures!

Trish's fairytales were read so slowly, with such patronising emphasis, and with so many vastly significant pauses to help the children appreciate the wonderfulness of it all, that the temptation to make rude noises, pick our

noses or throw our rattles on the floor was barely

Owen Paterson (Shropshire N) hardly did. Throwing a tiny tantrum from the Tory benches, he raged against "dirty foreign lorries" and was met by howls from all the children on the other side. That was a very naughty thing to say, Owen. You may say "dirty Serb lorries", but foreign forries means European lorries, and Europeans are nice people — don't you remember Uncle Tony telling us that? Mr Paterson also

accused Ms Hewitt of trum-

peting" the Government's

claims. Wrong verb, surely? Aunty Patricia doesn't trumpet, she flutes. It is strangely menacing — Pinteresque. Bad boys and girls will have their privileges withdrawn, and maybe even their fingers chopped off. But Joshua Dean, aged 7,

is a good boy. He had written to Paul Goggins (Lab. Wythenshawe & Sale E) asking the Government to cancel third world debts. Mr Gog-gins read the letter, with approval to the Chancellor. Unde Gordon liked it, too. Apparently thousands of children agree. The Front Bench all nodded. Heaven help us.

NEWS IN BRIEF £20,000 for inmates' salmonella poisoning

Thirteen inmates at Dark moor prison have won a total of £20,000 in compensation after they were affected by an outbreak of salmonelia poisoning. The Prison Service gave the inmates sums ranging from £1,350 to £1,750 after they threatened legal action. The prisoners became ill after raw sewage leaked on to the jail's farm, passed through inmates working with cattle and spread to other prisoners. Those affected were sick for between one and three weeks.

Caring jail 'too soft', page 3

Obstetrician who

fled is struck off An obstetrician who fled Britain after the death of a baby boy he delivered by forceps was yesterday struck off the medical register for serious professional misconduct. Heimi Nour, a former locum registrar at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, who practises in Saudi Arabia, was found by the General Medical Council to have used undue force in delivering Amos Tutt. who died an hour after he was born in August 1997.

Youth held over Briton's killing

A 14-year-old has been arrested for the murder in Cape Town of the British photographer John Rubython. who was stabbed to death in an apparent burglary attempt this week, South African police said. A blood-stained knife and bloodied clothing were recovered during the arrest.
Mr Rubython, 58, who recently became a father, was a well-known figure in Cape Town. He had been working as a television producer.

Man, 90, 'beaten to death by gang'

A 90-year-old war veteran died after being beaten, tied to a chair and gagged in his home by a gang of robbers. Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told. Thomas Hall was left for the night after the robbers switched off his heating and electricity on one of the coldest nights of 1997. Four men deny murder, manslaughter, conspiracy to rob and robbery; three deny conspiracy to rob and two others

Comedian gets stamp of approval

deny lesser offences.

Norman Wisdom was presented with a specially mounted Penny Black stamp to mark his 50-year career in showbusiness. The 84-yearold comedian was making an appearance at Stamp '99. a four-day international exhibition being staged at Wembley Conference Centre in London. Asked if he had collected stamps as a boy, he said: "I just stick them on the letters and send them.lt's a very nice, warm gesture."

A wolf that escaped from Port Lympne Zoo, owned by nall, killed three rams before its enclosure and killed the Kent, also reported seeing "a Zoo officials said the wolf



Fiona Jones after her court victory yesterday: the law may now be reformed

Fraud appeal win reprieves Labour

Boothroyd is studying judgment that

may restore Newark MP, report

Roland Watson and Mark Inglefield

LABOUR appeared to have escaped the threat of a potentially embarrassing by-election yesterday when the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction election fraud of Fiona Jones, the ex-MP for Newark. Her counsel argued that the

stututory definition of election spending was too wide to be fairly enforced. Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, is to spend the weekend studying the judgment. She will rule on Monday whether the result gives Mrs Jones an automatic right to return to the Com-

While careful not to take her decision for granted, the La-bour hierarchy was confident that natural justice would earn Mrs Jones a parliamentary reprieve less than a month after a jury at Nottingham Crown Court made her the first MP for 75 years to be convicted of falsely declaring election expenses. A Labour spokesman said: "We are hope-ful she will be reinstated as the MP for Newark early next week and that therefore a by-

election need not take place. Mrs Jones herself was even more sure that she would be able to return without defending her 3,000-majority. Immediately after yesterday's result, she insisted she would be returning. "I have had a very

raw deal," she said. Such a decision would save Labour from a crisis that was beginning to develop around its strategy for a by-election. With less than three weeks to go to their preferred date, the party was without a candidate. Brian Moore, the former England rugby player, had rebuffed heavy overtures, as revealed in The Times yesterday. Although Labour's national executive by-election panel had earmarked Nicholas Dakin, a



Boothroyd: will give her ruling on Monday

teacher and leader of North Lincolnshire council, as a possible contender, senior officials were split on whether to

widen the search. The result also prompted calls for a review of election law governing candidates' expenses, an area that is routineflouted by all parties. Officials from all parties point out that much of the current guidance given to candidates is out of date, covering the cost of sending telegrams but not the cost of using mobile tele-

Secretary, is expected to pub-lish guidance for the proposed Electoral Commission before the summer which would cover much of the ground. Ministers may also look at redraft-ing Schedule 3 of the Representation of the People Act.
The Lord Chief Justice, Lord

Bingham of Cornhill, sitting with Mr Justice Moses and Mr Justice Penry-Davey, ruled in Mrs Jones' favour after her counsel argued that def-initions in the 1983 Act were too wide to be fairly enforced. The judges also indicated they would allow the appeal of her election agent. Des Wicher, 73.

The case against her was sparked partly by feuding within the local Labour Party, which remains suspended. The Tories accepted that Mrs Jones should be reinstated if the Speaker ruled in her favour. The Liberal Democrats said that the case revealed the extent to which electoral law needed to be reformed. "Electoral law has been clouded with uncertainty and anomalies for far too long," said Nick Harvey. campaigns co-ordinator.

Mother of three missing in snow

BY HELEN RUMBELOW

A MOTHER of three has been lost in snowstorms on the west coast of Wales for more than 24 hours, a victim of the treacherously cold weather hitting the west coast of Britain.

Freezing winds from the Arc-tic are being dragged down over Cumbria, Lancashire. Wales and the South-west by a depression over the North Sea.

As fresh snow fell last night police stepped up a search for the 47-year-old woman. from the Lamphey area of Tenby, who did not return from a walk with her dog on Wednesday evening. She had set out along the coastal path above the Freshwater East Beach near Tenby as snow began to

fall at 7pm. The country's heaviest snow fell in Wales in the early hours of yesterday, with up to six inches in the Valleys around Merthyr and Aberdare. The M4 was blocked by snowfalls and ice overnight, forcing the closure of the motorway near Cardiff during the morning rush hour.

Two climbers were rescued from Ben Nevis yesterday, after being caught in snowstorms on Wednesday night. One of them called for help by ringing his girlfriend on his mobile phone, and they were winched to safety by helicopter.

Forecast, page 26 | week it is evident that the par-

Ulster parties called to talks at Downing St

By Martin Fletcher, chief ireland correspondent

TONY BLAIR and Bertie ties themselves have nothing Ahern last night summoned new to offer. Northern Ireland's three main political parties to Downing Street next Monday in yet another attempt to prevent the Good Friday peace accord

from unravelling.
They all but admitted that their last attempt, the Hillsbor-ough Declaration, had failed. The two Prime Ministers

will hold a fresh round of meetings with the Ulster Unionists. Sinn Fein and the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party in a new effort to end the deadlock over IRA disarmament that is blocking the formation of the Province's executive. Shortly before Easter the two men produced the Hillsborough Declaration, after 40 hours of talks over four days, but yesterday, after meet-ing Mr Blair at Downing Street, the Taoiseach all but admitted that that plan had failed. "It's clear to us the Hillsborough Declaration has not got the widespread sup-

port we would like," he said. The leaders gave no hint last night that they had any new ideas for ending the impasse. Officials said the two would use Monday's meetings to "find out where the parties are and if there's room for manoeuvre". After three days of fruitless talks at Stormont this

Mr Ahern insisted that he and Mr Blair were "absolutely determined and will do everything humanely possible and within our power' to implement last year's accord. Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, admitted that "we are in difficult times", but insisted: "What we must never forget is that the parties are still talking. That's what's important." She pledged to keep the talks going as long as necessary, but acknowledged that the impending Euro-elections and marching season tions and marching season would diminish the chance of a compromise.

The Declaration pleased Unionists by acknowledging that Sinn Fein could not sit on an executive without the IRA beginning to disarm, but sought to remove all connotations of surrender from the act of decommissioning.

Sinn Fein rejected the declaration, calling it a rewriting of the accord. The loyalist Progressive Unionist Party, the centrist Alliance party and the Women's Coalition were also sharply critical of it. The Ulster Unionists reserved judgment. ☐ Loyalists yesterday pushed pipebombs through the letter boxes of two Roman Catholic families in Randalstown, Co Antrim; neither device exploded.

Wolf shot after killing sheep

the millionaire John Aspibeing shot. The Canadian timber wolf leapt over the top of animals more than two miles away. Villagers at Aldington, large black dog" chasing horses before the sheep died. was not a threat to humans but pledged a security review.

£3m trial on impact of GM crops

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE health of the earthworm, as well as insects and plants, is to play a key role in government decisions on the future of genetically modified

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, told the House of Commons yesterday that £3.3 million is to be spent over the next four years on "farm scale" trials to compare the impacts of gene mod-ifed oil seed rape and maize on the wider environment.

The studies, to be carried out by a number of research centres led by the Natural Environment Research Council's Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, are to survey insect and plant life in and around the tests fields.

Mr Meacher said the studics would also focus on the health of the earth below ground level. "For example, carthworm population monitoring provides a good indicator of the structure and fertility of the soil," he told MPs. Above ground environmen-

tal impact will be studied.

again by carrying out surveys

of plant and populations and invertebrates." The first trials, covering the impact of herbicide-tolerant crops, are taking place this year. GM oilseed rape has

been planted in Wiltshire. It is hoped to build up to around 20 test sites across the country. They will reflect the differing conditions in Britain in which such crops are

the Government's wildlife advisers, and a member of a Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions steering committee on gene-altered crops, said yes-terday that they would be vig-

likely to be grown. Dr Brian orously monitoring the crop Johnson of English Nature.

The Government is hoping to agree a voluntary moratorium on commercial plantings of GM crops until the farm scale trials have been completed and analysed. So far the industry has refused.

CORRECTIONS

cheating you?, April 9) wrongly quoted John Bridgeman, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, as saying their inquiry into the £60billion supermarket business had been inconclusive. In fact, what Mr Bridgeman said was that the level of profitability disclosed required further investigation. The BBC has not lost three mil-

A report (Are superstores lion listeners because of changes to parliamentary coverage (report, March 30). When given the choice of listening to Today on FM or Yesterday in Parliament on long wave, 82 per cent stay with Today. Peter Duffy QC (obinuary.

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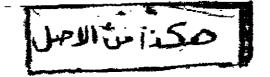


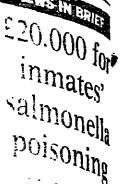
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Royals spare the horses almonella and hire bus and hire bus

ROYALTY once arrived by carriage procession. Yesterday a rented bus carried a moticy collection of the European reigning and deposed to a family occasion to which they all claimed some relationship, distant though it may have been. The event was the christen-

ing of Prince Konstantine Alexios, grandson of King Constantine, one-time mon-arch of Greece, at the Greek cathedral of St Sophia in Bayswater, West London. Among the eight godparents ed star attraction was Prince William, performing his first major solo engagement. His left arm was heavily strapped in a sling after an operation on his index fin-

ger to repair a rugby injury. Monarchy is not yet an entirely redundant profession. Present at the hour-long servthe thrones of Denmark, Spain and Sweden, along with such other active royalty as Queen Sophia of Spain and Princess Caroline of Monaco.

But the redundant were also represented, not least by Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia, a 40-year-old New York jewellery expert whose family have recently made a pub-lic denunciation of Presi-

deut Milosevic. After the service the guests attended a party at Claridge's, an entirely appropriate venue as part of the botel was briefly declared Yugoslav territory in 1944 when the present claimant to the Belgrade throne. Crown Prince Alexander, was born there.

Prince William looked more at ease than usual as family and friends stood on the steps of the cathedral for photographs. The baby, born in New York and wrapped yesterday in a long white christening robe, was held first by his mother and father, Crown Prince and Princess Pavlos of Greece, and then by his grandfather. Prince William stood next to the parents, but with one arm hors de combat he was unable to take his turn at holding the infant.

Prince Konstantine will be brought up in New York. His mother, Marie-Chantal, is the daughter of Robert Miller, the American dutyfree retail billionaire.

Prince William now has father, but they should not stantine, in a television interview last night, said: "It does not require too much from



Prince Konstantin sleeps through the attentions of his mother, left, grandfather and British godfather, Prince William in Bayswater yesterday

Prince of Poms tells it straight

THE Prince of Wales told school pupils yesterday how he was referred to as a "Pommy bastard" when be spent time in Australia as a 16-year-old.

During a visit to Manchester Grammar School, the Prince, in jocular mood, also spoke about a walking holiday in Australia.

"On one occasion ! managed to do 60 miles in one weekend and I climbed four peaks, one of which is called - and this always amuses the teenagers — Mount

Buggery."
The Prince was told about how the 484-year-old public school was building links with a nearby inner-city Sixth-formers act as "buddies" to pupils at Ducie High School and teachers are involved in a

mentoring scheme.

The Prince said his sons advised him to keep school talks short and funny. He then recalled how he had orice heard a fellow speaker give a warning bout had language. There was a gust of wind and I heard myself say into the microphone, 'Damn. my bloody notes

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GP 'murdered elderly patient with injection'

A "DEDICATED, caring and well-liked doctor" went on trial for murder yesterday, accused of killing an elderly, bedridden patient by deliberately administering a fatal dose of diamorphine.

The court David Moor, 52, committed the murder in July 1997 when he ended the life of George Liddell. 85, who had undergone an operation for bowel cancer.

The jury was told that the prosecution followed a police investigation arising from media interviews in which Dr Moor had said that he had administered many lethal injecnons over a 30-year period to relieve dying patients of their pain and distress.

Dr Moor, now retired, had been a single-handed GP in the village of Fenham, in Northumberland.

James Goss. QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Newcastle Crown Court that the case followed an article written by a Michael Irwin. a doctor, in The Sunday Times, in which he said he had helped numerous patients to die.

In a follow-up interview with the Press Association, Dr Moor said that he had admin-



Dr Moor said in the inter-



oin used as a strong painkiller to two of his patients in recent weeks and, over 30 years, had given many lethal

In another interview, Mr Goss said. Dr Moor repeated



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view that he "aggressively supported" what Dr Irwin was doing and that those against euthanasia should witness the distress of dying patients and their relatives before "having the temerity to come to me and argue the case against cutha-



Supporters of Dr Moor outside the court yesterday

ple to die over the years and said that, to do it, he would "go in with a fairly high dose of diamorohine".

Although Dr Moor said in the interview that he accepted he was probably breaking the law, or was on the fringe of breaking it, he did not anticiclaimed he would not be struck off the medical register. Later, after Mr Liddell's

death, Dr Moor told Rachel Chapman, head of communications for the NHS executive for the area, that he had two patients in the past week who were ready to go and that their relatives were ready for them to go. He didn't have a problem with it and "we can give them a more comfortable

A post-mortem examination of Mr Liddell's body showed that death was due to an overdose of morphine.

Mr Goss added: "The prosecution case is simple: Dr Moor deliberately ended the life of George Liddell by administering a fatal dose of diamorphine. His primary intention was to end life."

He added: "This is not a trial about the merits or demerits of euthanasia, or mercy killing. It is a straightforward alleged case of a doctor deliberately ending the life of a patient in his care." He said Dr Moor, who visit-

ed Mr Liddell only twice, increased his medication to 30 milligrams of diamorphine to be taken every six hours for 24 hours. The next day, he said, Dr Moor visited the house and

was seen by nurses attempting to inject Mr Liddell, who was

then unconscious, in the neck, the hand and, finally, in the Mr Goss said an inability to account for 300mg of diamorphine appeared to be consistent with the level of morphine taken from Mr Liddell's body.

The case continues.

Dying student 'begged his killers for help'

By RICHARD DUCE

A TERRIFTED college student begged to know why he was being stabbed to death by his two closest friends, a teenager who has admitted the murder told a hushed courtroom yes-

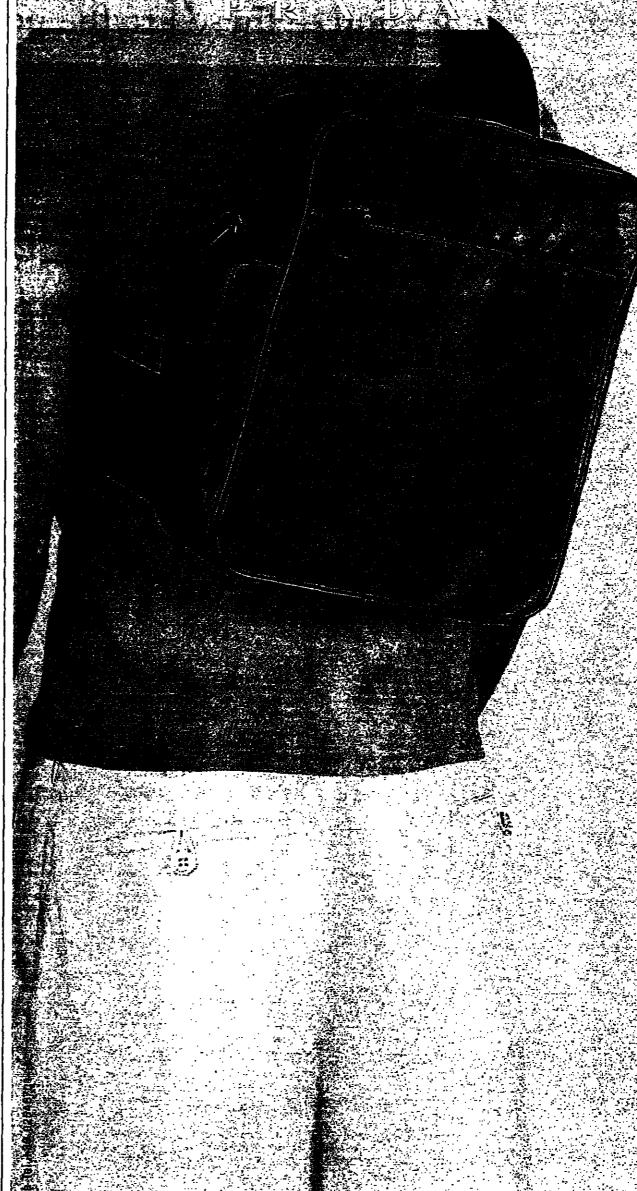
In a matter-of-fact manner, Graham Wallis relived the fies, 17, but could offer no real reason for why he decided to murder his friend. Wallis, 18. is the chief prosecution witness against Neil Sayers, 19. who denies that he was also involved in the murder. The trio was almost inseparable and had formed a survivalist group called The Brotherhood while studying horticulture at Hadlow College in Kent.

In in May last year all three had set off for woods in the college grounds and built a fire. Russell's friends had decided to kill him, apparently because he had become a bully. Maidstone Crown Court was told. Wallis, from Croydon, South London, said that Mr Sayers had attacked Russell in a field near the woods.

"Neil stopped stabbing Russell and moved away a bit and Russell asked him why he'd done it. Neil said nothing and then went back and stabbed Russell again," he said "After Neil stopped stabbing him again he again asked Why? before turning to me and ask-ing me to help him. I moved to-wards Russell and because he had started making a kind of roar or noise I put my hand over his mouth and then I tried to stab Russell in the neck and round the head."

Wallis said that he and Mr Sayers had burned their friend's body, and later buried it in a shallow grave. The prosecution allege that Russell was dismembered before burial but Wallis told the court that one arm and one leg had come away during the fire.

Mr Sayers, from Gillingham, denies murder. The trial



Old lags find caring jail too soft

PRISONERS at Britain's first privatelyun prison have asked to be moved to date-run institutions because the staff tre too friendly. The shock of being adfressed as "Mr" or by their first names, or finding spotless reception areas, has roved too much for some inmates at the Volds on Humberside. Some have remested that they be returned to jails charicterised by the more familiar "mutual

intipathy" between staff and prisoners. Sir David Ramsbotham, Chief Inspecor of Prisons, says in his inspection reort loday that for others, being treated ith respect and challenged about their chaviour has caused them to seek solte in their cells. "Many prisoners with ing experience of time served in many ablic sector prisons over many years dePrisoners hanker for 'mutual antipathy'

reports Richard Ford

scribed to me and my team the cultural shock that they had experienced of stepping into a spotlessly clean reception area where they were treated as human beings." Sir David says. He adds that for a very few the cultural change of being treated with respect and as a fellow human being was a step too far.

His report says many inmates with long histories of imprisonment were happier to remain on the "narrow tramlines" of traditional institutional life rather than be made to work and attend education classes. They tend to retreat behind their doors, and a few ask to be 'shipped out'."

Sir David praises the jail, run by Group 4, for creating a humane, safe and caring community. Immates were on first-name terms with staff, who addressed them as Mr, shared meals with them and treated them as individual human beings. The reception process was "no more threatening than checking in at the airport" and bullying, drug use and graffiti were not common.

Group 4, which was unable to say how many inmates had asked for a transfer, said it was delighted with the inspector's verdict that privately run prisons had "shown their worth"

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BALKANS WAR: HOW THE CONVOY WAS BOMBED

Laser systems no substitute for low flying

THE two US Air Force Flos had taken off from Aviano in Italy shortly after lunch on a "search and destroy" mission over Kosovo. Armed with laser-guided bombs, they flew over the Adriatic towards the southwest of the Yugoslav province, where Serb troops and special police had been seen burning villages.

They reached Kosovo within an hour and began circling looking for Serb forces out in the open carrying out "ethnic cleansing" operations. Like all allied pilots, the leading Flo pilot, backed by his wingman, was bound by the strictest rules of engagement. He was to release his bombs only when he had properly identified the target.

For a pilot on a mission to seek out and destroy moving targets, as opposed to fixed sites, it was always going to be a more dangerous operation. While trying to distinguish between a military vehicle and a civilian one, the Flo pilots had to keep a constant lookout for anti-aircraft fire and surfaceto-air missile attacks.

Flying at 15,000ft - medium altitude - the lead Fl6 pilot saw what he thought were Yugoslav Army and special police vehicles. At that point, the Flos were flying north of

Michael Evans tracks the hi-tech

> planes that attacked the wrong target

ful of his rules of engagement, the F16 pilot and his wingman made several passes over the vehicles to ensure the first impressions were accurate.

The weather was not helpful. It was cloudy, but there were breaks in the cloud. The laser system on board, vital for guiding bombs to their targets, gets deflected through cloud. So he had to pick his moment to laser-designate the target while he had sight of the Yugoslav military vehicles.

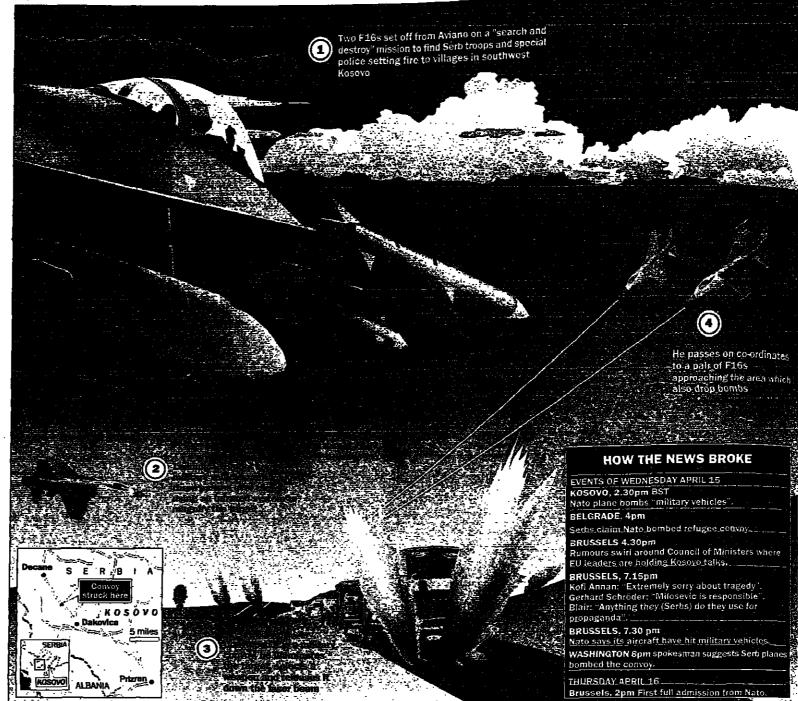
The laser system litted to the F16s is called Lantirn - "low altitude navigation and target infra-red for night". It is fitted inside a pod mounted on the wing and can function from 40.000ft. Both F16Cs and Fl6Ds carry the system. The pilot used onboard technology to magnify the infrared image he was receiving in his headup display in the cockpit to get a closer look at the target — similar to looking through a telescope. However, the infrared image would have been similar to a negative. "It's not like looking at a photograph," an expert from Jane's Information Group said. More advanced systems being devel-oped in America will have a

much sharper image.

The pilot satisfied himself that he could see three military vehicles and illuminated the target with a laser before selecting a weapon. Flos have a range of weapon systems, including Maverick missiles. Paveway bombs and "dumb" bombs. Smart bombs have

clip-on guidance noses. So sure was he that he had attacked a military vehicle that he passed on the co-ordinates to a pair of Fl6s which had followed them from Avi-ano. The second pair also released bombs, although it was claimed they attacked vehicles in a compound, not a convoy. Refugee witnesses said the con-

voy was hit a second time. The Lantim system was designed to detect and track fargets, yet the Fl6 pilot was initially unable to spot that some vehicles were tractors and horse-drawn carts, indicating that despite the advanced technology, there is no substitute for flying low, seeing the enemy close to, and dropping bombs from close quarters.



'I make a decision — these are the people who are burning down villages'

THE following is the text of re-corded comments by the pilot involved in bombing the convoy, from a tape played during a me-dia briefing at Nato headquarters. His name was not released.

We worked various targets throughout the morning with not a lot of success due to the weather. Sometime around II o'clock |GMT| I spotted

IDP [internally displaced persons] convoy that was stacked up on the west side of town.

near Dakovica what looked to be

and see what the reason for the flood of refugees was at the town of Dakovica and what I found was a series of villages that had been set on fire, entire villages set on fire. As I moved up to the north I found the first village that had been set on fire, it looked like it had been burning for quite a long time and it

was about to burn out. Then as I move further south I see the next village south on fire, pres-sure fire, still burning vigorously. A cloud cover was in the way, I moved further to the south, orbit the area, I'm able to see underneath the cloud now to the second village that was on fire and I'm able to see now another smaller vil-

So the picture that I'm building now in this southwestern part of Kosovo is MUP (Interior Ministry Police) and VJ [Yugoslav Army] forces methodically working themselves from the north to the south through villages, setting them ablaze and forcing all the Kosovo Albanians out of their villages. I work my way down an LOC [line of communication] that runs southeast into the town of Dakonian On east into the town of Dakovica. On that LOC there weren't any villages to burn but as you worked your way southeast every house on that road was set ablaze. I see close to Dakovica what looks

like civilian vehicles flowing into

where I saw the 60-plus vehicles stacked out to the east. I work my way back up to the road and I see another house that has just been ablaze and I spot the three-vehicle convoy moving southeast about a

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click [kilometre] from the freshest wingman's eyes on to the convoy and explain to him what linaudible down there. We see three uniformly shaped dark green vehicles, look like deuce-and-a-half troop carrying vehicles.

They come to a stop at the next house down the road and I'm convinced now that's the VJ and MUP forces working their way towards Dakovica and the refugees and they're preparing to set this house

I take my system, my targeting pod and I make several passes over these vehicles to ensure they are in fact military vehicles. I roll in on

two passes to get a close look, both with my eyeballs and with my tar-geting pod. IR [infra-red] picture and at this point it's about 25 min-utes into building the whole pic-ture of the destruction that is falling from north to south into Dakovica and I make a decision . . . that these are the people responsible for burning down the villages that I've seen so far. I go in, put my system on the lead vehicle and execute a laser-guided bomb attack on that vehicle, destroying the lead vehicle. From there, my wingman is low on fuel so we end up having to depart the area. On my way out of the area I pass my BDA Bomb dam-

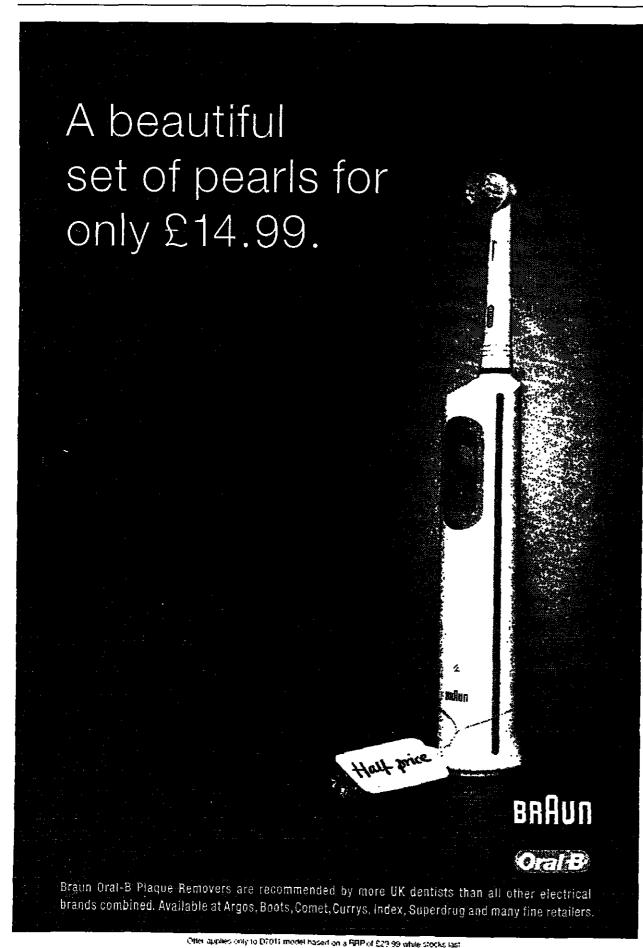
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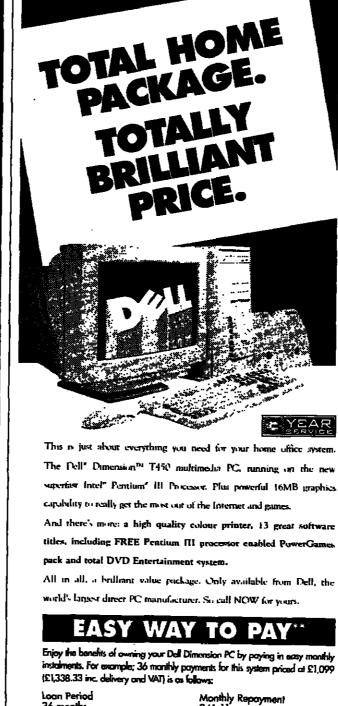
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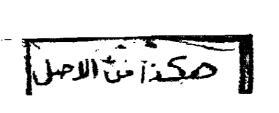
(7200 rpm) Hard Disk 15" SVGA monitor (13.6" borne Command Control and Comair controller who is coming in to replace me. I pass him the target co-ordinates, a threat update of the area and a general description of the three-vehicle convoy. From that point 1 leave the AO

|area of operations| and we RTB |return to base| and |name deleted| finds the target area that I briefed him and he now spots three large trucks in the middle of a com-pound of the house, housing area, next to where we had just attacked and he proceeds to execute a linaudible attack on those vehicles. I'd like to show you on the map to give you a picture ..."









Charred corpses litter site of attack



Tom Walker reports from Meja on horrific scenes amid a landscape already laid waste by the Yugoslav advance

CHARRED and dismembered corpses, wrecked tractors and a pathetic trail of personal belongings yesterday still lay on the Prizren to Dakovica road in southern Kosovo evidence the Yugoslav Army presented to journalists in its biggest anti-Nato propa-ganda coup in three weeks.

The army said at least 72 ethnic Albanian refugees died on Wednesday afternoon as their long, straggling convoy was systematically bombed by a low-flying Nato jet.

A full day afterwards, many of the corpses and body parts remain where they had been

Much remained unclear about the bombing — whether, for example, the refugees had been accompanied by the

police and Yugoslav Army at the time. But where the refugees were travelling and whether they were coerced even if they were being driven from Kosovo — was irrele-vant. The clear facts on view were that they were horrendously burned and mutilated in a Nato bombing raid that went disastrously wrong. Colonel Slobodan Stro-

janovic, who led the trip through what he warned journalists was a military zone "targeted by air from Nato and from the terrorists on the ground said the horror on view proved once and for all that Nato wished to inflict as many civilian casualties as pos-

"The jet took four sweeps at civilian targets, with the clear



A wrecked tractor and houses yesterday near the village of Meja, site of Wednesday's disastrous Nato bombing in which 72 civilians appear to have been killed

aim to kill as many as possi-ble," he said. "This disproves utterly everything Nato says about so-called collateral dam-

Dozens of tractors and trailers littered a six-mile stretch of road, running along the flat valley bisected by the Drin and Bistrica rivers. The road

past four weeks, helping Albanians to flee a vicious clampdown by the Serb security forces in the area, also much in evidence yesterday.

The army's objective, however, was to show that the carnage was by Nato - and it did not seem to care that most villages we passed through en were smouldering

had no houses left intact, and in Velika Krusa just outside Prizren, the mosque had been almost totally destroyed. Prizren itself was a ghost town. The former base of British monitors in Kosovo, its streets were eerily deserted and the few inhabitants brave enough to speak said the ma-

jority of the city's 200,000 peo-

The army showed three sites along the road hit by the Nato jet. At the first a bloodstained tractor had careered across the field, embedding itself in a rail-way line. Other trailer parts and refugee debris lay scattered all about the bomb crater. At a second site there were three bomb craters, and a

body of a man lay hurled into

But the most gruesome scene was at the third site. In the village of Bistrazin, six bodies lay cheek by jowl in the grass meadow beneath the road, five of them women.

Worse was to come: a head lay further up the meadow, and near it a forearm and

On the road itself a halfcharred corpse lay slumped across the steering wheel of a smashed tractor, slewed craziacross the shrapnel-pitted tarmac.

On its trailer lay an indeterminate number of blackened body parts, and one leg hooked over the back of the

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A few yards away pieces of brain tissue lay spattered

'I forgive Nato for killing my husband and daughter'

FROM SAM KILEY IN MORINE, NORTHERN ALBANIA

SURVIVORS of the accidental Nato attack on a column of Kosovan refugees yesterday contradicted Nato spokesmen who said their convoy might have included military veh-

icles and personnel. They said they had already forgiven Nato for the killing of at least 20 people in two attacks on the same convoy. But they were beaused by Nato suggestions that they had been part of a mixed column of Serb military and their Kosovo Albanian victims:

There were no troops among us. We passed them on the road and they told us to going all the time. But there were no vehicles, none at all, from the army with us. We were alone and walking for four days," said Faisa Cela. whose husband and 14-year-old daughter were killed in the Nato blunder.

However, refugees from another column which had not been attacked gave the first absolute confirmation that Serb

forces were using civilians as cover against Nato airstrikes. They said that they had been forced to walk for four days while Serb soldiers rode on their lorries among them.

Mostly from the villages around Dakovica, many con-firmed that they had walked either side of a road while the Serbs rode in protected luxury on looted tractors. Those who could not keep up were killed. We just had to stay close to their tractors so that they would not be hit." said Miusheka Xani, 18.

But Mrs Cela had been in a convoy without Serbs where sitting in a traix dragged by a tractor which was destroyed along with three others by what Nato

said were two aircraft. Arold Isegg, a Nato spokesman, said that a pilot who had seen Serbs torching village after village had spotted what he thought was a military convoy and attacked it with two bombs. A fellow pilot struck

the most devastating blow, hitting the tractors. That was confirmed by many witnesses, all of whom had lost loved ones in the strikes and had themselves been wounded.

Mrs Cela's hands were badly burnt, her knees and head had been cut with flying debris. Her surviving son was hit in the arm."I don't believe it was Nato. But if it was, I forgive them for taking my daughter and my husband. They are already forgiven. They are trying to save our people, not kill them like the

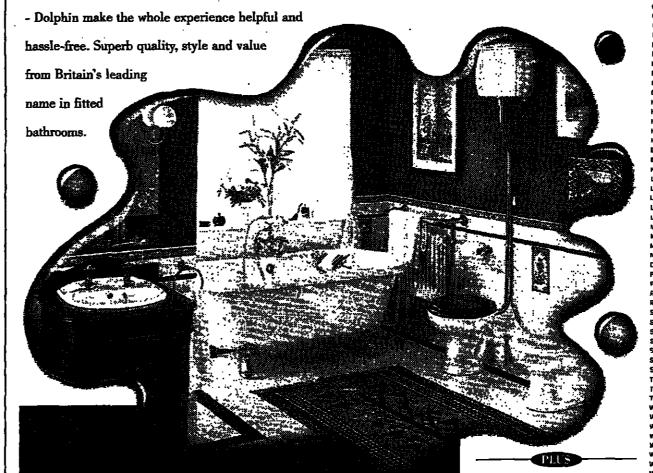
Serbs are," she said. Mehmet Byrani, a farmer, said: "It was very fast, so I could be wrong. There were two attacks, and then there were bodies and bits of people all over the place."

Others who survived the attack close to the village of Krushe Made, about ten miles north of Pristina, stuck to their story that they had been bombed by Serb aircraft.

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US public warned of long campaign

AMERICA'S military leaders prepared Congress and the public yesterday for the likelihood that Nato's bombing campaign in Yugoslavia could stretch into midsummer.

This is not going to be quick or easy or neat," said William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, during a Senate Armed Services committee hearing that was marked by criticism of the Clinton Administration and Nato policy.

Mr Cohen amended his earlier warnings of the possibility of casualties to say there was a "probability of casualties".

There was still no plan to commit ground forces, and to those who believe that Nato should use them he said: "The reasons that we have gone forward as we have with an air campaign is that there was not a consensus in the Nato alliance to do anything but this." Mr Cohen regretted the civilian deaths from Nato striking a refugee convoy on Wednes-

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Congress cautioned that bombing may continue until midsummer, reports Ian Brodie in Washington

day, but he also spoke of the pressures on pilots having to make split-second decisions. flying at high speeds under anni-aircraft attack. Nato goes to extraordinary lengths to avoid hitting civilians, he said. fire so far.

In earlier closed-door briefings with congressional officials, military leaders had cautioned that Nato is poised to go on with bombing, which reaches its 25th day today, for several weeks longer and possibly into midsummer if Serb forces continue to fight Kosovan Albanians and harass refugees.

General Hugh Shelton, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said that bad weather has frequently hampered the bombing raids, but the Balkan skies usually clear in June.

The Pentagon also disclosed that Serb air defences have become more robust, with dozens of Sam missiles fired at allied aircraft during the previous two days in the biggest demonstration of anti-aircraft

Signs of a longer war than anticipated initially have grown significantly this week. Some 82 fresh American aircraft began arriving in Europe yesterday. Washington is close to approving 300 more combat planes, bringing Nato's total to more than 1,000, and the 24 Apache attack helicopters could soon be doubled to 48. Each deployment begs the unanswered questions: why now and why not at the start?

For Americans, the escala-

tion evokes unsettling echoes of Vietnam where troop levels were enlarged constantly in search of the elusive "light at the end of the tunnel".

At yesterday's hearing, John McCain, a Republican senator and a former prisoner-of-war in Hanoi, was unsparing in his analogy between Vietnam and Kosovo, making the point that President Clinton is wag-ing war as the luckless Lyndon Johnson did. He asked General Shelton

bluntly if he had pointed out to Mr Clinton and his advisers that air campaigns alone had never ended a war.

The general confirmed that he did point out that an air campaign might not lead to a diplomatic and political settle-Mr McCain, a strong advo-

cate of ground forces, insisted that there was a considerable difference between fighting a war to win and fighting one



US Air Force troops about to board a helicopter at Tirana to fly aid to refugees in northern Albania yesterday



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IN PARIS

A FRENCH officer accused of spying for Serbia yesterday ex-plained for the first time how he came to hand details of Nato airstrike plans to a Yugoslav diplomat.

Commandant Pierre-Henri Bunel said he revealed a classified document in October in an attempt to show the Serbs "the scope of the destruction that was envisaged". In a letter to the newspaper

Libération, he said: "Nervously worn out by years of accumulated stress, I took an initiative for which I had no mandate. I was obsessed by the thought of a human disaster. I wanted in persuade the Serbs that the threat of airstrikes was real."

US intelligence told France last year that Commandant Bunel had disclosed details of lanovic, head of the Yugoslav diplomatic mission at the Euronean Union. Commandant Bunel is under formal investigation for "giving intelligence

to a foreign power". In his letter to Libération, he said the Serbs explicitly warned of a mass deportation of Kosovans if the Nato airstrikes went ahead.

Terror faxes sent to church

Washington: Military bases and the police in America are on alert for terrorist attacks after a letter was faxed to Serbian churches

calling for members of the US Armed Forces to be killed (lan Brodie writes). The FBI issued the warning after Serbian Orthodox churches in Chicago, Sacramento, Milwaukee and Indianapolis received the letter, written in Serbo-Croat on March 20 - four days before the bombing began. It urges Serbian

Americans to resort to terror in response to Nato airstrikes against Yugoslavia by killing soldiers on the streets, in parks, in shopping malls, in cinemas, in their homes or wherever they may be found. There are up to three mil-

lion Americans of Yugounquestionably felt torn by events in the Balkans. seeing their Serb brethren demonised by US politicians and the media.

But many, too, have no affection for President Milosevic. blaming him for the violent break-up of the Yugoslav Federation.

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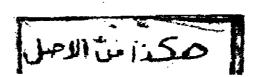
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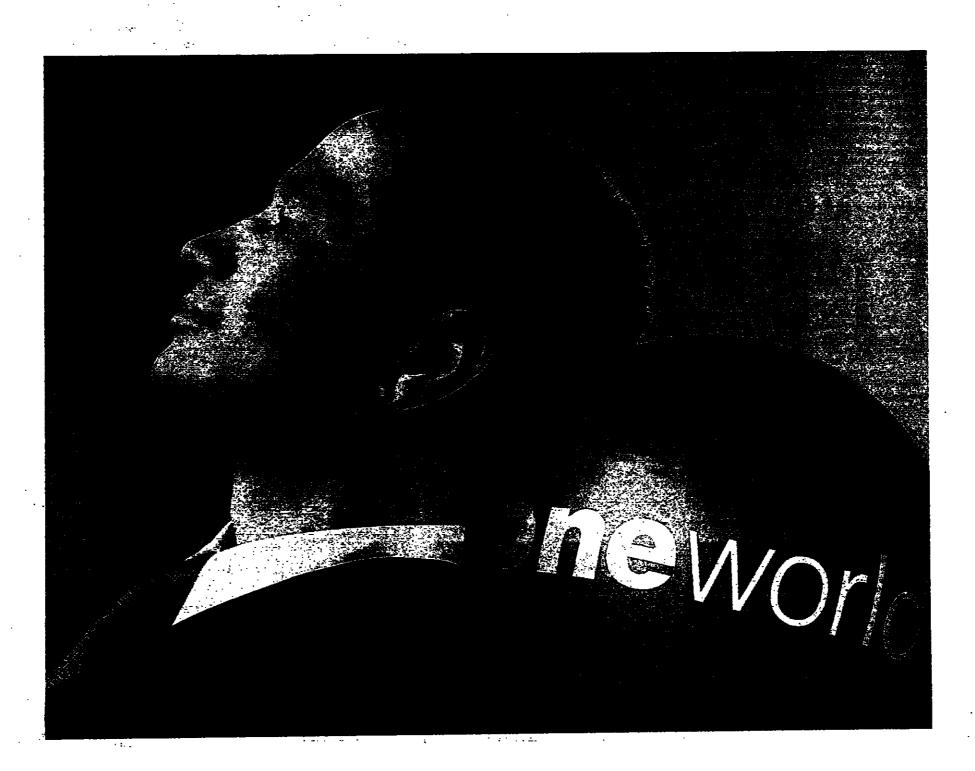
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BALKANS WAR: WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

How do we get out of this mess? 'We should declare victory and get out as

soon as

we can'

that no one, including me, an-

ticipated the speed with which

Serbia would defeat our objec-tives in Kosovo, and the scope

Yes, the war is only three

weeks old, and yes. Nato can

and probably will prevail in

this conflict with what is, after

all, a considerably inferior ad-

versary. But victory will not be

hastened by pretending that

things have just gone swim-

mingly.
Worse, unless we look criti-

cally at both why we went to

war in the Balkans, and why

we have failed to achieve our

ends. I fear the Administration

and our Nato allies might com-

of that defeat.



DECLARE VICTORY

David Hackworth

Author, retired army colonel and America's most decorated ex-serviceman

do in South Vietnam, declare victory and get out as soon as

And while we are getting out we should also get out of Nato because the Europeans are all big boys now. They've been feeding on the American

WE should do what we didn't War and it's about time they took care of themselves.

The purpose of Nato was to defend Europe from the Sovi-et Union, which has expired, leaving Nato with no purpose

It seems to me Clinton and Blair have caused themselves brought the Cold War back. Blair and Europe should handle it by themselves.

Three weeks into the offensive, opinion is divided on how to end the conflict

I think the strategic objective in Kosovo should be to cut it in half and let Milosevic take the northern half with all the sacred lands - and the very rich mineral deposits and allow the southern half to become a separate republic or fold it into Albania.

I think you will see Milosevic's columns slowly pull back to be positioned to that end. I think it will also be the be-

ginning of the end for Milosevic. Many Serbs hold him in the same disregard that millions of Americans feel for

I think it would be a pretty

hard sell to convince Kosovans

that it is safe to return to com-

munities that are policed by the very people who so savage-

I THINK we made two serious mistakes at the beginning. One was to go in gradually and to over-constrain the air campaign. The second was to rule out ground forces up front. We seem to be correcting the first mistake as General Clark requests more air resources to broaden and strengthen the air campaign. We might be inching towards correcting the

If both mistakes had not been made, I think we would be further along than we are The tough part of the mission is to use air power to root out Milosevic's ground forces, his tanks, armoured personnel carriers and his artillery. That is going to take a degree of dedication to the mission that I hope Nato is ready for.

GULF WAR LESSON

Don Rice

of the United

Force under

Administration

States Air

the Bush

Former secretary

Confronting him with the threat of opposing ground forces would make if easier to get at his own ground forces from the air. If we learnt anything from the Gulf War, it is not that air power can find everything hidden on the ground, but rather that no opposing tank army will ever again be able to manoeuvre in the face of modern air power.

□ Photograph: Peter Nicholls



MODIFY OUR DEMANDS

John McCain

A Republican advocate of ground troops who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam

mit the gravest mistake we could make: changing our ends to make our means more effective rather than employing more effective means to achieve our ends.

Surely, some of our terms for peace will have to be modified to correspond to new realities on the ground and to

achieve our ultimate ends, which are security for the Kosovans and peace and stability in the Balkans.

Genuine autonomy for Kosovo that includes the presence in Kosovo of thousands of Serb military and security personnel is hard to conceive as practical any more.

ly depopulated them.
Nor do I think it likely that
the Kosovo Liberation Army can be persuaded again to accept any status less than inde-We might need to expand

our essential purpose. But I worry the Clinton Administration might do the opposite. worry that our purpose will be reduced because the Administration is unwilling to change the means we use to ac-

our demands to accomplish

SHOWROOMS NATIONWIDE

be over, history. We did it in ten days in North Vietnam with the Christmas bombing campaign in De-

Institute for

Nato Supreme Commander Europe 1993-97, architect of Nato's Bosnia operations

MILOSEVIC has the initiathe best synergy we can get tive. He is achieving his strate-We have more air power than gic war aims by reducing the we could hope for, but comeffectiveness of the KLA, drivbined with ground troops we ing out refugees, destabilising would have synergy.

THREE-PRONGED ATTACK

George Joulwan

While doing option A, the air war, you have to plan for Montenegro and causing prob-He is operating within his options B, C and D. The planning alone may be enough to decision cycle of what he has to get done. What we have divert Serb forces from the killbeen unable to do so far is to ing zones of Kosovo. seize the initiative. Nato needs I have four rules for success:

more than one option to confront Milosevic. We in the military talk about combined arms - air, sions (this land and sea power. That is comes late).

UN SETTLEMENT

sions (this last one always

clarity of mission, unity of com-

mand, robust rules of engage-

ment and timely political deci-

Tony Benn MP for Chesterfield and the leading Labour critic of Britain's policy on Kosovo

THE choice is very straightmonitoring force, it cannot be forward. Either you launch a Nato. The Russians fear Nato huge invasion which would lead to a strong and bitter struggle, to which I would obis moving East. You will have viously be opposed. Or you can take some opportunity to

to have non-Nato forces, and only the UN can do that.
If you don't do that, if you try to go on as we are at the moment, the Nato alliance will crack. If you send troops in, it will crack even quicker.



bring it back to the United Na-

tions and sort it out that way.

If you are going to get in a

POLITICAL SOLUTION

Tom King

Former Conservative Defence Minister and MP for Bridgwater

IT IS critical for us to get the political wires going again with Russia and Kofi Annan United Nations Secretary-General as well as getting the support of the neighbouring nations. We must keep up the military pressure while we

pursue these two routes.

I don't see the prospect of a full-scale invasion, but there may have to be a halfway house. We could set up reserve areas, providing it is made clear it is not an invasion but a measure to provide security for the Kosovans. It need not be just Nato who look over this. It could be Nato countries and Russia. I am against partition, and

wouldn't welcome it, but you might have to live with it in the early stages.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK BOMBING

Thomas McInerney

A retired Lieutenant-General who rose to third in command of the US Air Force and a highly decorated Vietnam War pilot

WE should ratchet up to a thousand sorties a day, 24 hours a day, focusing on leadership command and control targets in and and around Belgrade. That's all you have to do. I promise you. Then it will

cember 1972. They realised we were serious and signed the peace treaty.

We have not yet hit one sig-nificant target in Belgrade. We have to get Milosevic to the point where he cannot talk to anyone. He lifts the phone and there is no one on the other end. Let him use carrier

RUSSIAN ROLE

Anatol Lieven

Russia expert at the International Strategic Studies

THE West now needs Moscow's help more than at any time since the Gulf

Only Russia, through its standing in Belgrade, can bring about any kind of agreed settlement. The fact that Russian relations with the European Union remain good leaves open a

line of communication. Agreement over Kosovo will have to involve Nato peacekeeping forces on the ground under de facto Nato command. This force would also have to include non-Nato troops, including Russians, and be under a non-Nato mandate.

It is a great pity that Nato planners did not think harder about these options, and about the necessity of trying to draw Russia into implementation plans before the bombing started.

The West, hearing Russian anti-Nato rhetoric. may conclude that the relationship has broken down irrevocably and that Russia is too hostile to be allowed any role in talks. This would be an error. FOR CHEAPE

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MP for Tatton and former war correspondent

I DON'T see any exit strategy. I don't think we have any option having gone this far. We would have not only abandoned the people of Kosovo but also have destabilised Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania to no purpose. We would also have severely damaged the

credibility of Nato. There are two comple tion strategies. One is to increase the pressure such that Milosevic would compromise under pressure from his friends in Russia. But that would involve introducing ground troops.

The second is he does not compromise, we go for ground troops, and impose some kind of protectorate.

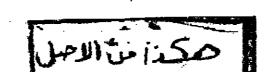


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BALKANS WAR: PROPAGANDA

Honesty is best riposte to lies from Belgrade

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE EDITOR

civilians

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tool ?

THE best weapon for propagandists in a war is the truth. Until now most propaganda efforts by the Yugoslav authorities have been ineffectual because Nato has been able to counter with facts the regular claims of allied planes being shot down or civilians being

slaughtered. However, the two admissions by Nato this week — that it attacked a passenger train in error while targeting a bridge near Leskovac, and now that allied aircraft struck part of a refugee convoy in Kosovo have presented Belgrade with an opportunity to extract the maximum advantage.

While Nato is on the defensive, the Yugoslav authorities, who until now have shown nothing but murderous con-

tempt for their zens, can weep as Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, put it yesjournalists on a guided tour of

Propaganda backed by horrific images of civilians lying dead on a country

road can be a powerful tool in the hands of a dictator who has had years of experience in manipulating his own press and broadcast-

Accused by Nato of being in political command of Yugoslav troops, special police and paramilitaries who are committing crimes against humanity in Kosovo, President Milosevic will take every opportunity to throw back at Nato the same accusation.

So far, Nato has adopted a prudent policy, countering Belgrade's propaganda with its own brand of propagandist war — including demonising Mr Milosevic — while owning up to errors when they occur. although relating the apologies and regrets to a wider con-

text in which the Yugoslav leader is blamed overall for

every death and injury. The longer the air campaign continues, however, the greater the risk for Nato that more terrible errors will happen. thus providing Mr Milosevic with more deadly propaganda material. The Yugoslav leader will know that the more civilian deaths Nato causes, albeit in error, the more pressure there may be from public opinion to call off the bombers.

On the positive side for Nato governments, public opinion has been largely supportive of the air campaign and will not be fooled by Belgrade's accusa-tion that allied aircraft are deliberately targeting civilians. Refugees who witnessed the convoy attack said that they

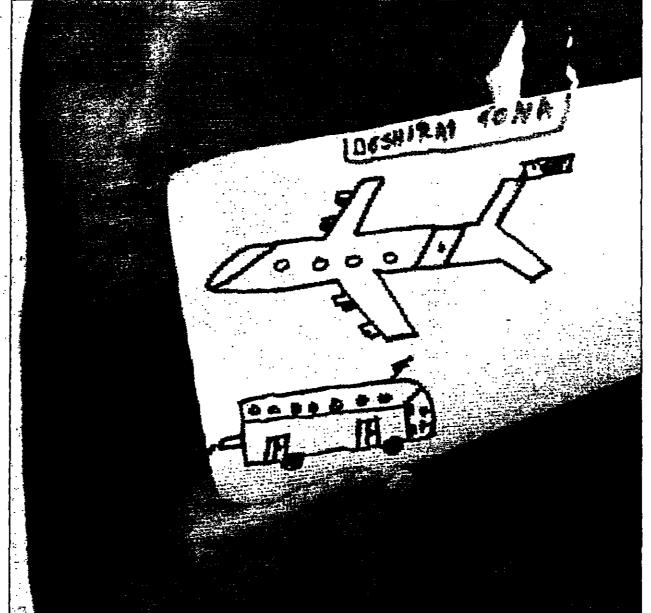
had assumed the

aircraft involved were Serb be-⁶ Images of cause they knew Nato would not target civilians. underlining the lying dead point that in the propaganda war, the alliance has been winning all the prizes. Nor will the public, in making up mind about the

war, be allowed to forget that it is and rapes by Mr Milosevic's forces that have led to allied aircraft flying bombing missions over Yugoslavia.

Nevertheless, Mr Milosevic will be pleased with the day's work. For 24 hours, while the Pentagon was putting out confusing signals, casting doubt on Nato's involvement in the attack, Belgrade exploited the alliance's weakest spot. Every day Nato officials have emphasised that the pilots' rules of engagement specifically prohibit releasing bombs unless the target has been identified.

This has been called Nato's "humanitarian war". When such as war causes civilian deaths, Mr Milosevic's propagandists have a field day.



A Kosovo boy now in a refugee camp in Tirana, Albania, with his drawing of a Nato plane entitled "My Desire"

News censorship from front line is better than silence

By Graham Paterson

RADIO 5 asked John Simpson, the BBC's world affairs editor, yesterday: what did he feel about being accused of being a mouthpiece for President Milosovic's propaganda machine? "It just goes with the turf." he replied nonchal-

antly from Belgrade. The few British correspondents still able to report from Belgrade know that both sides in this war see them as the enemy. After several des-perately bad days for the Nato war effort — first the bombing of a train and then Wednesday's accidental but horrific attack on Kosovan refugees Downing Street has turned on the messengers.

Simpson and his fellow reporters, it was whispered, were simply playing a part in the Serbian propaganda bat-tle against Nato. Tightly controlled reports, these sources say, take Serbian claims at face value, highlight civilian casualties and play down Nato's successes.

The 'health warnings', they add, that accompany such reports, mentioning Serb press minders and the fact that they are monitored by the authorities, are insufficient.

In a war where public support is essential if the campaign is to be pursued for governments hate the drip. drip of reports of setbacks and

But they are wrong. The reporting from Belgrade has provided an extra dimension to our understanding of this war. The tnoving reports by, among others, Tom Walker, the Belgrade correspondent of The Times, of the murder and funeral of the editor, Slavko Curuvija, revealed the extent of opposition to Mr Miloso-vic's dictatorship. And if Nato-makes the occasional error, is it not that very freedom to know such things that Nato is ultimately fighting for? Only dictatorial governments can ethnically "cleanse" whole

In Baghdad in 1991, when the then Tory Government made the same charges against Simpson and his colleagues of aiding the enemy, the public were not fooled for a moment. There is no reason either why they should be

fooled this time.
Walker reported last week
the words of his press minder. "If I was running things, we would have 12 correspondents left and they would mostly be Chinese. The rest are enemies." No kowtowing there. The more Simpson and his ilk annoy the politicians, the better they are doing their jobs.



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pany has sent a warning letter his class out of a matinee of its latest production because it was too sexually explicit.

The 34 pupils between nine and eleven walked out of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Stratford-upon-Avon less than an hour into the threehour performance when an actress simulated sex with an actor dressed as a donkey.

Stephen McGaw, 43, had taken the mixed class from Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic School, Coventry. They had saved up for the £15-a-head performance after studying Shakespeare as part of the Government's Liter-

Mr McGaw said vesterday: "I complained to an usherette at first and she told us she was surprised to see us there in the first place, because an internal memo had informed staff of the sexually explicit nature of

"But, when I spoke to the manageress, she told me she hadn't even seen the play. It was ridiculous. I was so angry I threw the programme into the bin in disgust.

In a letter to 165 schools, the RSC is now acknowledging that the director, Michael Boyd, had emphasised the more bawdy aspects of the Bawdy Titania was last straw as teacher led class walkout, writes Helen

play and it was not suitable for primary school children.

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After being marched out of the theatre, the group had to spend the day walking around Stratford to wait for the school coach. The school is seeking £610 compensation for the cost of the trip, at the end of last month, and expenses incurred keeping the children amused.

Mr McGaw said the trip was to have been a treat for the children, who had performed their own production of the play in school assembly. But the production had driven a horse and carriage through the school's religious educa-tion and sex education policies. He said: "The actors seemed to be taking every opportunity that was presented within the script to take the

play along a sexual route" Mr McGaw said that, after the walkout, he spent 30 min-utes in the theatre foyer with his class discussing the play. He said: 'The children were all embarrassed and said they thought it was unsuitable for kids their age. They were really good about it and few of them must have gone home and told their parents because we had few complaints from them the next day."

Mr McGaw said the last straw was a scene in which Titania. Queen of the Fairies, played by Josette Simon, was shown simulating sex with a man dressed as a donkey.

An RSC spokeswoman said the play had been running from the middle of March and would continue until the begin-ning of October. As a result of a letter of complaint from Mr McGaw, letters had been sent to all the primary schools on their database. She said: "The letters warn of the sexually explicit material in the play and also offers refunds for any pre-booked parties who now may wish to cancel."

She added: "We have had 26 school parties, albeit secondary schools, watch the play already and have only received a complaint from the one primary school that arrived."

A spokeswoman for the theatre said Mr Boyd was unavailable for comment, but added that the production was not



Ten years on, Liverpool mourns

AT 3.06pm yesterday afternoon, the city of Liverpool stopped in silent tribute to the 96 men, women and children who lost their lives exactly ten years before in

the Hillsborough stadium disaster. Inside Anfield. 12,000 heard Ray Lewis, the referee on that terrible day, blow his whistle to begin a minute's silence. Clergymen had read out the names of those who were crushed to death on the terraces in Sheffield, on April 15, 1989, at the FA Cup semi-final between Liver-

pool and Nottingham Forest. The grief on Merseyside has turned to anger, resentment and a brooding sense that justice has not been done. The raw emotion was palpable at the tenth anniRussell Jenkins on the service to remember Hillsborough victims

verary service. Outside the ground, be-side the eternal flame of the Hillsborough memorial, fans laid floral tributes and scarves. Among them stood today's players and those who had been a part of

the team a decade ago. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, laid a wreath. The Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev James Jones, spoke of the courage of those for whom "the act

still hope to bring a private prosecution against two senior police officers. Fans

trauma". He said: "This service is important because we can let our feelings come to the surface. There is comfort in

A candle was lit for each of the dead as the clergy read out their names while The Love and Joy Gospel Choir sang Abide with Me. Trevor Hicks. who lost two daughters in the tragedy and is chairman of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, told the crowd that the campaign for justice went on. The families sang the Kop anthem You'll Never Walk Alone as they held their scarves aloft.

'harmless' ICA 11 gun kills pensioner

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A PENSIONER told yesterday how he shot and killed a lifelong friend while showing off an antique pistol. George Gleed, 68, was convinced that the bullets in the Belgian revolver were inert, but as he demonstrated the gun to John Smith, 66, there was a bang.

His friend was hit from a range of 3ft and died instantly. Police at Stroud, Gloucester. shire, have questioned Mr Gleed and taken away the revolver, made in the 1860s.

Mr Gleed, a former carpenter, and Mr Smith, a retired council officer, had had a common interest in shooting and gundog training in earlier days. Mr Gleed said: "A few weeks ago I bought this deactivated revolver from an authorised dealer. A few days later he gave me six rounds of the old pinfire bullets. I was under the impression the bullets were inactive. It is devastating to think my friend died this way. The two friends had fired the gun safely before it went off.

A Gloucestershire police spokeswoman said that a file was being prepared for the man aged 55 has been arrested on suspicion of supplying a firearm and ammunition without a licence.



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DOCTORS and nurses will be expected to work on New Year's Eve as normal this year without compensation payments for missing the millennium festivities under national guidelines announced by the

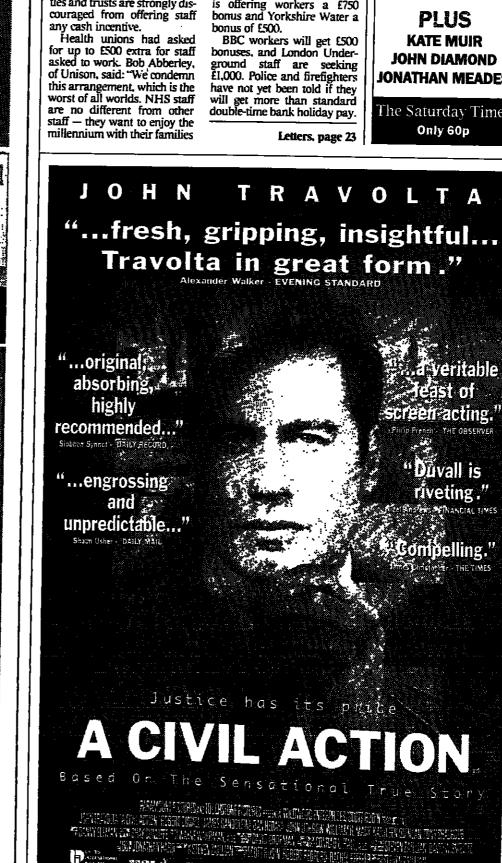
Government yesterday. NHS staff should honour their contracts and work for standard overtime pay, Hugh Taylor, the NHS director of human resources, said in a circular to health service managers.

No money will be made available for bonuses from central funds and health authorities and trusts are strongly disany cash incentive.

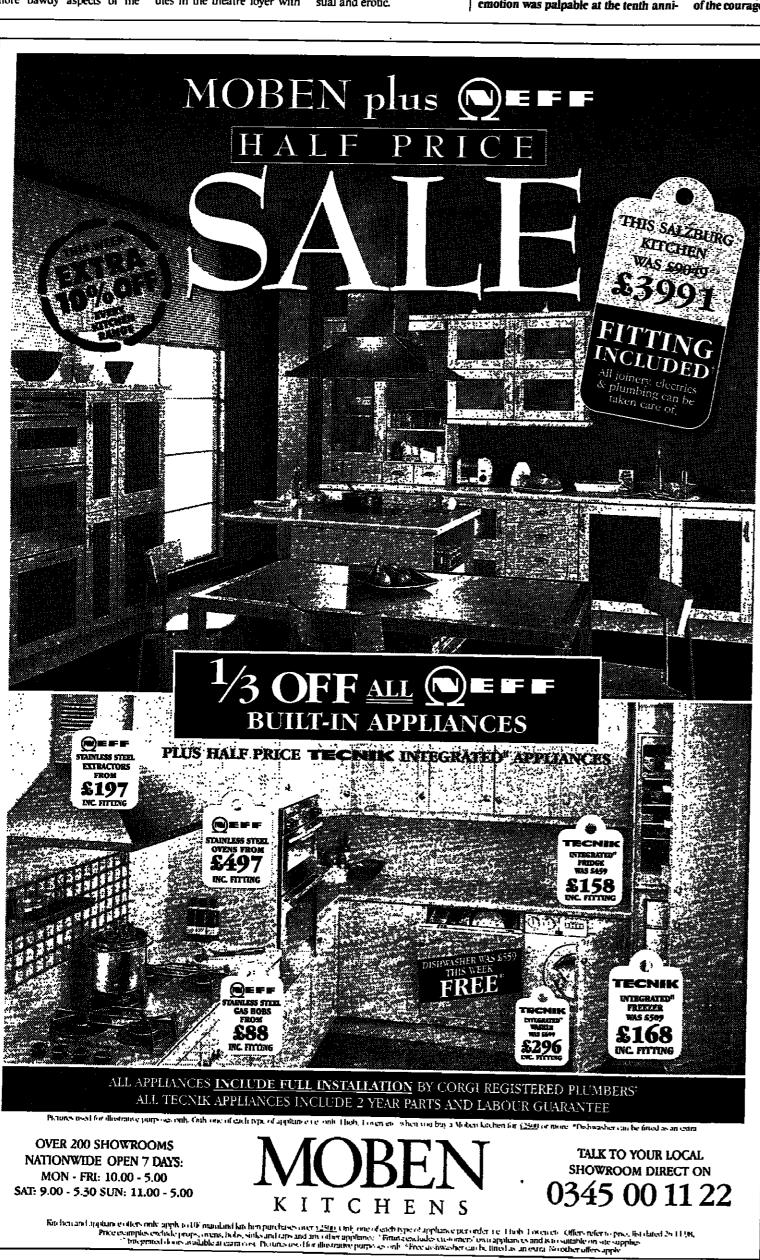
or be recompensed - and this is

The Government cannot stop individual trusts and authorities from offering bonuses and Mr Abberley said that the absence of a national bonus scheme would lead to a free-for-all and poaching of In the private sector, some

employees, especially computer programmers, are being offered £10,000 to remain on call or on duty for New Year's Eve. Adecco, an employment consultancy, said that the AA is offering workers a £750 bonus and Yorkshire Water a



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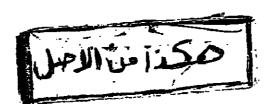
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Death skipper 'looked after No 1'

Captain of a hospitality yacht on which two died had the only

lifejacket, writes Paul Wilkinson

THE skipper of an oceanracing yacht that capsized in rough seas, drowning two passengers, was the only one on board wearing a lifejacket and safety harness, a court was

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told yesterday.
"The captain looked after No I," Paul Batty, QC, told Sheffield Crown Court. Colin Jessey was a "supremely arrogant man" who believed his vacht could face anything that the sea could offer.

"The skipper was relatively safe; none of the passengers had this luxury. There was only one lifejacket aboard the yacht at the time of the rescue

- he was wearing it. "There were nine passengers and there were buoyancy aids aboard, but, even if Colin Jessey advised them to wear them, which he didn't, there were not enough to go round.



Colin Jessey: he denies

There were enough harnesses, but the passengers were not instructed how to wear them." Mr Jessey, 51, from Shore-ham, West Sussex, has denied manslaughter and dangerous

conduct arising from the inci-dent last April. He had been paid £1,500 to take a party of businessmen for two days' sailing from the Tyne out into the North Sea. His yacht, the Lone Signature, encountered mountainous seas as it reached the mouth of the river and was knocked flat.

Three people were swept overboard. One was recovered alive, although seriously in-jured, but Alan Barwick, 52, and Peter Curry, 45, drowned. In an extensive air and sea rescue effort, the Tynemouth lifeboat almost capsized.

Mr Batty told the court: "Peter Curry was heard to shout from the water, 'Save us, save us,' before being swept to his death. Alan Barwick, who was only loft away from the boat, was swept away and was soon to be seen floating face

"What the prosecution are putting to the jury is: did Colin Jessey take reasonable care of those aboard the yacht that day? He showed a cavalier approach to the safety of his passengers. We suggest his conduct was not merely carelessness but was gross negligence, which is criminal and therefore manslaughter. "He had been paid for two

The yacht moments before it capsized in huge waves in the mouth of the Tyne last April. Three men were swept overboard, of whom two drowned days' sailing. He called them hospitality days ... but they turned into days of nightmare. The vessel was swamped by a large wave, three men were lost overboard wearing no lifejackets, no buoyancy aids or harness fixing them to the yacht. Had they been wearing them, they would not have been swept overboard and no lives would have been lost." Mr Batty said that Mr Jes-

sey had not obtained an up-todate weather forecast or contacted the coastguard. "All he had done was to watch the regional weather forecast the previous day. There was a lot extreme weather coming into the River Tyne; there was more water coming down to meet the sea. What happens when the weight of the sea meets the weight of the water coming the other way is you

get treacherous conditions at the mouth. That is what was happening on this day."

Conditions were so bad that other vessels, including a fisheries protection boat, had turned back. The jury watched a 15-minute video taken by a tourist, which showed the Signature and a large car ferry that was rocking so much its propeller cleared the water. Mr Batty described Mr Jessev as a man who looked the part of a yacht skipper. "However, the circumstances suggest that, even before the yacht left the yacht basin, he was seriously at fault regarding

the safety of his vessel." Mr Jessey had no crew and failed to demonstrate how to fit buoyancy aids or how a safety harness was worn. He meretold the passengers where the safety harnesses were,

while the buoyancy aids were in short supply. Mr Batty said. All this suggested that, when he left the marina, "the safety of his passengers was low on his agenda. Did he say to his passengers. We are not going out there, or did he say, It is going to be a bit lumpy out there, boys, put on your safety harnesses? No. he said. Put on your wet gear, that is

all." The trial continues.



By Russell Jenkins

POLICE were questioning a man yesterday about the un-solved murder of Cynthia Bolshaw 15 years ago, which became known as the "beauty in the bath" case.

CID officers arrested the 49-year-old suspect at his home in Birkenhead, Wirral. a month after police reo-pened their files on the case. The man was being held at a police station on Merseyside for further questioning.

The beautician was found naked, except for a necklace and earrings, face down in the bath at her secluded bungalow in Heswall, on the Wirral, in October 1983. She had been strangled, apparently after entertaining a lover.

Mrs Bolshaw, 50, worked as a cosmetics consultant at Browns. a Chester department store. Merseyside Police drew a blank despite an inquiry that concentrated on hundreds of male friends documented in 14 diaries.

Last month the force reopened the files, aiming to exploit new techniques, notably DNA profiling. Police began conducting voluntary saliva swabs on more than 200 men with results checked against a genetic profile garnered from forensic evidence that had long lain untouched. Police said a man had been arrested at 7.20am yesterday.

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Outrage greets suspect's radio appearance

By Michael Harvey

ONE of the five men accused of killing Stephen Lawrence yesterday swore "on his mother's life" that he was innocent

rence family, Gary Dobson appeared on a national radio phone-in and was questioned presenters and the public live for two hours.

The 23-year-old man, who was acquitted of the murder after the family's private prosecution collapsed, was challenged directly about the mur-der. He said: "On my mother's life, I am not guilty of this crime. On my mother's life, I don't know who was responsible. If I did know, I would certainly not have let my family go through all of this for the past six years.

"I have had to look into my mother's eyes as she is crying. asking me, Why are they doing this to you?...

of the crime.

To the outrage of the Lawence family, Gary Dobson apthem for the way they had acted over the past six years.

The family yesterday condemned his appearance on Talk Radio and anti-racist demonstrators protested outside the radio station's offices in Oxford Street, London. ☐ Last night solicitors for the

Lawrence family were continuing negotiations with Metropolitan Police lawyers over an offer of up to £100,000 damages for the bungled investigation into Stephen's death. Sources said the final figure could be as high as £250,000.

Boy, 13, guilty of shooting girl in eye

A BOY aged 13 was yesterday convicted of blinding a paper-girl in one eye after firing an air pistol at ber. A jury at Exeter Crown Court found the teenager guilty of causing grievous hodily harm in an incident on a Paignton housing

estate in May last year. The defendant cannot be identified for legal reasons but Judge Jeremy Griggs liftof the victim after her mother asked that she be allowed to

Rachel Courtney, 16, told the court that the boy, then aged 12, had spat, thrown stones at her and called her names before asking "Do you know what real pain feels like?" and shooting her. The boy said the injury had been an accident.

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Planet discovery suggests we are not alone

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ASTRONOMERS have found the first solar system around a star other than the Sun.

Three giant planets are in orbit around the star Upsilon Andromedae, which is 44 light years away, two groups of American astronomers have

independently concluded. The announcement suggests that solar systems like ours are commonplace. The astronomers, from San Francisco State University and the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in Cambridge. Massachusetts, reported the results of their investigations at a joint press conference yesterday at the university. Debra Fischer said: "It implies that planets can form more easily than we ever imagined, and that our Milky Way is teeming

Alan Penny, a British plane-

tary expert from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, described the finding as a major discovery and said it increased the chances of finding Earthlike planets that might har-

boured life.

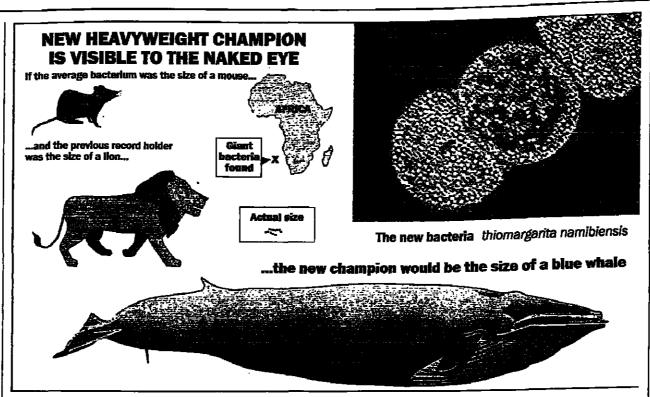
One of the planets orbiting Upsilon Andromedae was already known. It is three quarters of the mass of Jupiter and orbits the star at a distance so small that a complete orbit takes less than five days.

The two new planets are even more massive. The middle one is twice the mass of Jupiter and orbits the star in 242 days, while the outer one is four times the mass of Jupiter and orbits once every four years or so.

Robert Noyes, Professor of Astronomy at the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre, said:

"This will shake up the theory of planet formation. A nagging question was whether the massive bodies orbiting in apparent isolation around stars really are planets, but, now that we see three around the same star, it is hard to imagine anything else."

A paper announcing the findings has been submitted to the Astrophysical Journal. ☐ A mile-wide asteroid could collide with Earth in 2039. The chances are less than one in a billion, but the asteroid, 1999 ANIO, will require careful watching, say astronomers from Italy, who have worked out its movements. This is because its orbit crosses that of Earth twice a year; perturba-tions caused by close approaches to the Earth could alter its path sufficiently to make a col-lision more likely.



Bacterial leviathan found on seabed

A GIANT bacterium the size of a full stop has been found living in sediment on the ocean floor off the coast of Namībia (Nigel Hawkes writes).

If the average bacterium was the size of a newborn mouse, the new one would be the size of a blue whale. On the same scale, the previously largest known would be about as big as a lion. The new bacteria, Thiomargarita namibiensis, grow loosely attached to each other, like a string of pearls. They live on sulphides, which they oxidise with the help of nitrates found in seawater.

The finder of the new species, Heide Schulz, of the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen, said in Science: "I have been working with exotic bacteria for a while now and I knew immediately they were sulphur

bacteria . . . my colleagues at first did not believe me because they were so big."

The bacteria can store large amounts of nitrates so that, when the supply in the green ooze in which they live is depleted,

they can wait three months for a storm to stir up and refresh the sediment. Bacteria, single-celled organisms, are

among the simplest of life forms. They inhabit every possible niche on Earth.

Why the wait for hip surgery, study asks

By Ian Murray MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is no fundamental reason why any patient should have a long wait for hip replacement surgery, according to a study of more than 28,000

patients at 40 GP practices.

The study, published today in *The Lancet*, found that in the 35 to 85 age group about 15 people in every thousand need the operation, and each year another two people per thousand develop hip disease.

This suggests there is an overall requirement in England of 46,600 hip operations, say the authors from the Department of Social Medicine at Bristol University. Given that there are 43,500 hip operations a year, this means that only an extra 3,100 are needed to meet demand.

The report says the figures show that "the satisfaction of demand for total hip replacement . . . is a realistic objective . and there is no fundamental reason why total hip replacement surgery should be denied to those who would ben-

efit from it". The authors said they carried out the study because hip replacement has one of the longest waiting lists and failure to reduce the wait was a major incentive for NHS reforms.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Green light for airport smugglers

Travellers are evading import duty because of staff cuts at airports, says the National Au-dit Office. Bad design lets people see there are no customs staff at some green "nothing to declare" channels and some red channels have only "honesty phones". Diamonds, computer chips and cigarettes are the main items on which duty is dodged. Since 1990, annual revenue from personal goods has fallen £16 million to £7 million. Cigarette smuggling at provincial airports is thought to cost £50 million.

Asda goes to sea

Asda has launched its own mini-fleet of trawlers. Four vessels from Grimsby will supply the supermarkets with cod in a deal that guarantees the trawler owners and crews £1.5 million. The boats, which will fly the Asda flag, hope to land 200 tonnes each a year.

Yacht drug claim

Roger Russell, 57, of no fixed address, was remanded in custody by magistrates in lps-wich, Suffolk, accused of involvement in drug smuggling after an investigation into an abandoned yacht, found drift-ing off Aldeburgh with 10 kilo-grams of cannabis on board.

MTV hit by fire

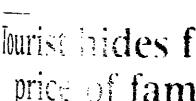
The music station MTV was off the air for several hours when fire broke out at its studios in Camden. North London. Part of the first floor and most of the roof was destroyed. No one was injured and the cause of the fire is being investigated.

Mum's the rival

A Labour councillor is guaranteed a close rival when she defends her seat in Wakefield - her son. Tony Wright, 44, will stand as an independent Labour candidate at next month's local elections. His mother. Mollie, 65, said: "He's got a fight on his hands."

Losing sparkle

Millennium parties could lose their glitter because of a shortage of sequins, accord-ing to Europe's only maker. Brody International, of London, said it was working seven days a week but was struggling to cope with demand from dressmakers.



-Chick Trus

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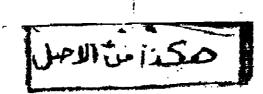
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Keep-fit fan died after fat surgery

Liposuction on buttocks proved

fatal, reports Claudia Joseph

A BRITISH main has died after a three-hour liposuction operation on his buttocks in a Californian clinic.

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Paul Freeman, a 25-year-old bodybuilder and fitness instructor, died from blood noisoning after the operation to suck fat through a tube inserted under the skin and attached

to a vacuum pump.
At an inquest in Birmingham yesterday, his mother. Pauline, called for tougher restrictions to be placed on cosmetic surgery.

Mr Freeman, who had lived in America for eight years, died in the San Francisco Memorial Hospital in November 1997, three days after the operation, which cost \$3,000 (£1.875). He had not told his parents he was having it.
The inquest was told that

Mr Freeman was sent home only two hours after surgery. Alfred Taylor, the coroner's officer, said that Mr Freeman suffered "intolerable pain" at home. A doctor was called out and he was given painkillers and treated for dehydration, before being readmitted to hospital with blood poisoning.

Richard Whittington, the Birmingham Coroner, who recorded a verdict of misadventure, said: "I would be horrified if he had been treated this way in Birmingham. This was quite extensive surgery, but he



Freeman: he was 6ft 3in with a 52in chest

was sent home two hours later. This gave no opportunity to measure or monitor him postoperatively."

Speaking after the hearing, his mother said: "Liposuction is a dangerous procedure. People think it's just like having a tooth out, but it's not it can take anybody's life. It's not something which should be taken lightly."

Mrs Freeman, who is disabled, did not know her son had been operated on until she received a telephone call from one of his friends after he had gone back to hospital.

The parents flew to California, but arrived at the hospital 30 minutes after Mr Freeman had died. He had been due to take his final fitness instruction examinations the follow-

Mrs Freeman, who also has two daughters, said: "Paul didn't want us to know about the operation. Our younger daughter, Rachel, knew he was having minor surgery. but he knew we would try to talk him out of it."

She said that her son, who was 6ft 3in with a 52in chest, was "a very healthy young man. He was big, but it was solid muscle. He was in the gym three or four hours a day. We were broken-hearted. It

has devastated our family. We never had the chance to say goodbye.

Mr and Mrs Freeman have decided not to take legal action against the doctor who performed the operation. They said it was proving difficult to find a lawyer to prove neglect and malpractice.

Critics have claimed that the cosmetic surgery industry in Britain is poorly monitored, with concern about standards of care. A government inquiry is under way into the regulation of the industry and a consultation paper will be published shortly. The Health Select Committee is also consider-

Tourist hides from price of fame

A BRITISH backpacker in Australia, who handed in nearly £2,000 she found at a railway station, has been elevated to near-eelebrity status

for her act of honesty.
Sara Wood, 28, a secretary from Beckenham, southeast London, said she was embarrassed by the "huge fuss" her honesty had created in Perth. She had immediately handed in the bag containing A\$5,000 because "it was the right

thing to do". Speaking from Perth, she said: "It's appalling that any-one thinks it was an amazing thing to do. I never had any doubts. The money is not mine it was quite correct to hand it in to police. Anybody who wouldn't do that should be ashamed of themselves." But Ms Wood said that, after all the media attention the incident had created, she now "just wanted to go away and hide. My life has been turned upside down."

Ms Wood, who has been travelling for 11 months, said she had always been an honest person. "I've had situations before where I've seen somebody drop a £20 note and I've chased them down the street to tell them. When you find this amount of mony, you think it had to be a bit dodgy. If you kept it, you would always think, is it the profits of crime? Does it belong to a pensioner who needs it more than I do? Not handing it in is theft."

If the money is not claimed within a month, and if it is not the proceeds of crime, she will be allowed to keep it.

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Clint Hallam is progressing well and can now hug his wife with both arms

Arm transplant man is playing piano again

the world's first forearm and hand transplant last September, is practising at the piano again and can hug

his wife with both arms.

Even though Mr Hallam, 48, a New Zealander, dropped out of intensive physiotherapy three months after the operation, to travel, the medical team from St Mary's Hospital, London, writes in The Lancet today that he is well on the way to gaining good use of his transplanted arm. "He is progressively able to move his fingers and we cannot complain at all," said Nadey Hakim, of the transplant

"I last saw him a month ago, when he was doing very well. He is in Australia now and seen daily by physiotherapists in Perth, who say he is improving all the time." He said Mr Hallam could expect to gain up to 70 per cent use of his transplanted hand over the next year.

This operation has proved that this kind of transplant will work, but you have to be very selective about the sort of person who Pioneer patient is expected to

gain 70 per cent use of his hand, reports

Ian Murray is offered it, because there

are so many potential complications. Whoever has it will have to be on immunosuppressants for life, which means a patient becomes prone to succumb to many more infections. There is also an increased risk of skin cancer and of lymphoma.

When you explain that to most people, they tend to say: 'Forget it. 1'll just stick with my prosthesis.' Mr Hallam was an exception who was prepared to take the risk.

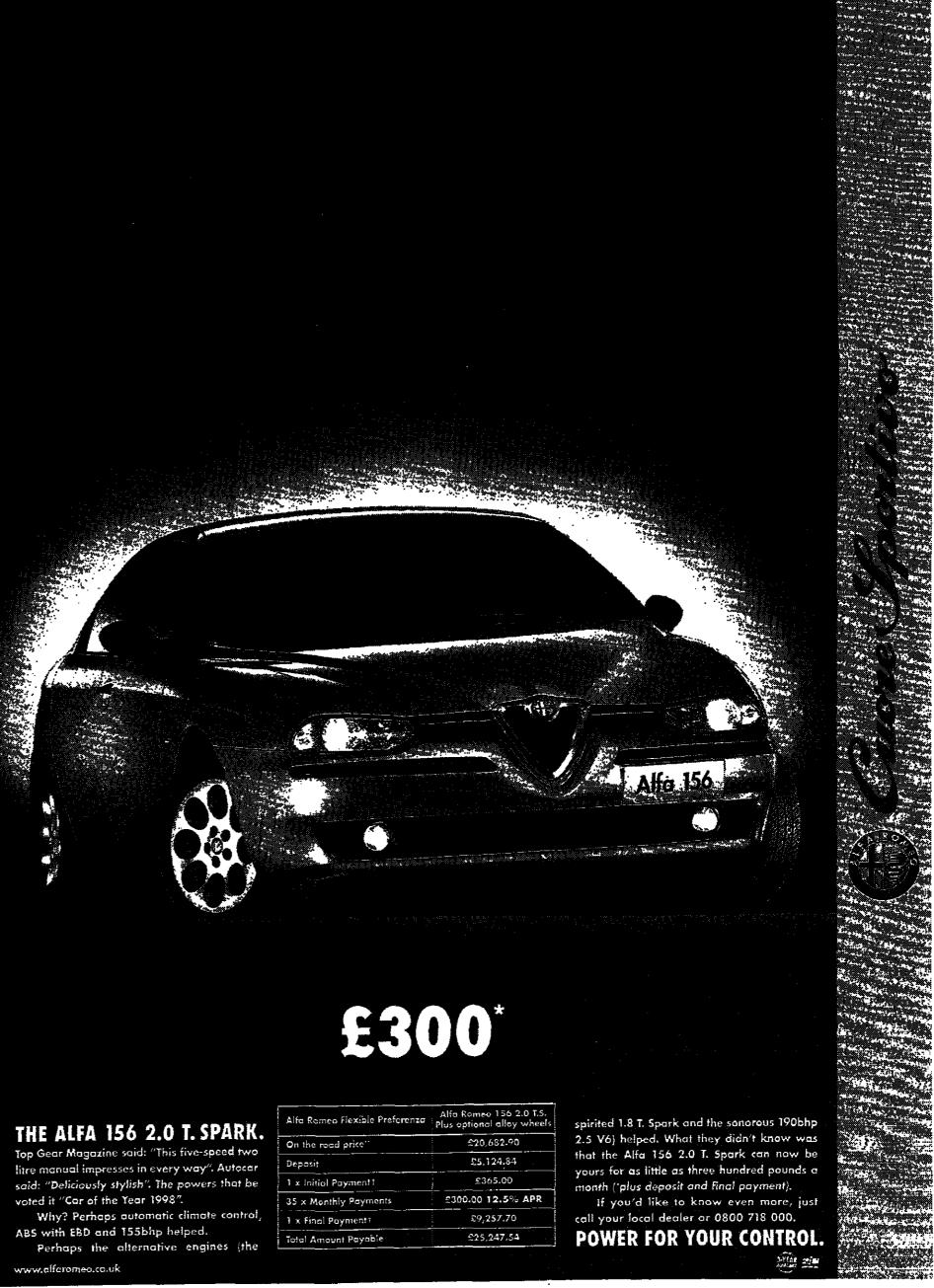
Mr Hallam's right forearm was cut off by a circular saw in 1984 while he was serving a prison term for fraud. An operation to re-implant his own arm

removed again in 1989. He refused to have an artificial limb, but made a study of units that were considering doing limb transplants, including the University of Lyons in France. He was accepted as a potential patient and, in preparation, told to exercise his right arm muscles by pretending he was practising the piano. He reported feeling "phantom limb" sensations of finger movements and cramping

When a 41-year-old brain-dead donor was found in France, Mr Hallam was flown there - with an emergency passport because his own had been confiscated as he was being investigated for cheque-book fraud. The investigation has

pain in the hand he did not

since been dropped.
The 12½-hour operation involved stitching together as many of the muscles. nerves and blood vessels as possible. Within 20 minutes of it finishing, blood was coursing around the transplanted hand and the skin colour was normal.





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dair Nicholson, had served a pris-on sentence in the 1970s for trying

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tained they were about ten points

in front. Today, the nationalists



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Salmond finds it hard to weather the storm

fringe movement, is unrepentant.

"I knew the broadcast would be

knew it was a controversial thing

to say but the very last thing in my mind was a political calculation."

He noted that the MP Tam Daly-

ell had described Mr Cook's at-

tacks on him as cheap. "The only

thing I would say about that is if

you are cheap you are worth some-

thing and I am not certain that the

Foreign Secretary is in that catego-

Mr Salmond, who has been

steering his party into the territory

formerly occupied by Labour in

Scotland, insists that the plight of

Kosovan refugees since the strikes

began proves that he was right. The evidence of the past three

weeks is overwhelmingly that the

Kosovo Albanians have not been

helped by the bombing campaign

The SNP leader's trademark grin is in A FOUL mix of sleet and swirling wind blowing off the Moray Firth matches Alex Salmond's mood. short supply after a turbulent week. On board his party's election battlebus after another bruising week of report Jason Allardyce and John Mair campaigning, the SNP leader immediately launches into a scathing are trailing by the same margin. grade". Mr Salmond, who has attack on the Scottish press, de-En route to Elgin from Inverness scribes Robin Cook, the Foreign transformed his party into a credible opposition after years as a

Secretary, as "less than cheap". airport, the Mission Impossible video on board the mobile nerve and snaps at a Times photographer for taking too many pictures. centre that is normally used to fer-The opinion polls are not good: ry rock stars around Britain sudindependence does not after all denly seems oddly appropriate. look to be a prospect this side of the But Mr Salmond's trademark grin returns briefly as he insists millennium and the Spectator's

that the SNP is winning the camtactician of the year, who normally strikes fear into the heart of Cabipaign. "We will win the election. net ministers, is finding it hard to I'm absolutely certain." The defining moment in the campaign for Even his visit the day before to Holyrood so far has been Mr Salthe Western Isles, normally a hamond's intervention over the Nato ven of rectitude, was overshadbombings of Kosovo. Last month the BBC gave him owed after newspaper reports on how the local SNP candidate, Alas-

an unprecedented opportunity to speak to Scotland in response to Tony Blair's address on the airstrikes. It could have enhanced Mr Salmond's profile as a statesman, but the words "unpardonable folly", which he used to denounce the attacks, sparked a furious backlash and led Robin Cook to condemn him as "the toast of Bel... and Milosevic, who is a gangster, has not been destabilised inside Serbia.

The SNP has suffered other damaging headlines over plans to increase income tax by a penny to finance an extra £690 million in public services and evidence that an independent Scotland could start life with a £2 billion budget deficit. Mr Salmond refuses to confirm until later in the campaign whether he criticised. I mean, I am not a fool. I believes an independent Scotland would have a deficit. He argues that Gordon Brown cannot even say with consistency how big the "black hole" in Scotland's finances would be. "Write that down. It's quite important, son," he barks.

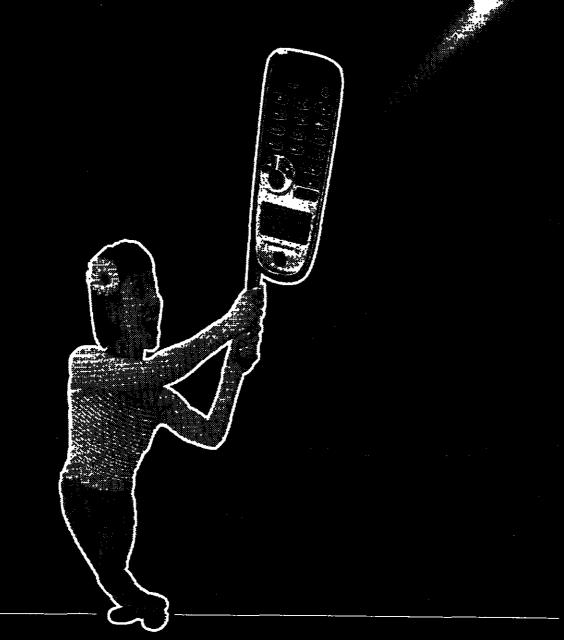
Although even the most favourable poll for the nationalists yesterday showed the SNP seven points behind Labour, Mr Salmond is convinced that his party can win because demoralised Labour supporters will stay at home. Facing the vastly bigger resources of Labour's Millbank machine, the SNP leader knows he is in a David and Goliath style contest. "But David won that battle. It was Goliath who fell," Mr Salmond quips.

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Mr Salmond's grin returned briefly as he insisted the SNP was winning





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Hague attacks fuel duty rises

land by condemning Labour's fuel duty rises as a 'spiteful attack" on motorists, hauliers and remote communities. During a oneday tour, his first since the campaign began the Conservative leader announced



plans for a charge for foreign hauliers on Britain's roads. Under the BRIT disc scheme (British Road Infrastructure Taxi, foreign lowy drivers would pay a daily charge, similar to one levied in other European countries. The money would be used to reduce excise duty on domestic lorries.

Soap actor's 'slip-up'

Labour was accused of breaking rules on political visits to schools during election campaigns after Ross Kemp, the EastEnders actor, went to a primary school in Glasgow. The Scottish Liberal Democrats are to complain after Mr Kemp, recently elected as rector of Glasgow University, visited St Stephen's School to support Labour's anti-drug policies.

QUOTE of the day

Alex Salmond on the SNP's fight against unequal odds in the face of Labour's vastly bigger resources:

But David won that battle. It was Goliath who fell 7

today's AGENDA Donald Dewar will hold a press conference with Craig Brown, the Scotland football coach, before heading for a photo shoot at Hampden its "Penny for Scotland their fire on Liberal

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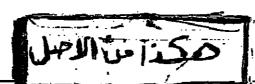
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I've been to Hull and back, Tony

Prescott licks his wounds after a bruising encounter deputising at Question Time, writes Roland Watson

JOHN PRESCOTT was said to be "hurt and depressed" yes-terday at the calamitous Commons performance that sparked a flurry of speculation

about his future. Buried deep in his folder of briefing notes as he stood at the dispatch box were a few paragraphs about the Government's position on the socalled withholding tax. Had he dug them out he would have been spared a nightmarish half-hour standing in for Tony Blair at Prime Minister's Ouestions.

But he did not. His failure, and the disastrous encounter that ensued, left the Deputy Prime Minister badly bruised and angry with himself - and forced his friends to contem-

plate, gingerly, the cost.
"He obviously didn't know what it was," one minister said, referring to the withholding tax. a Brussels-inspired proposal which threatens 10.000 British jobs. "But then I wouldn't like to have to explain it either."

The Tories yesterday sought to twist the knife in one of their favourite whipping boys. Sir George Young, Shadow Lead-er of the Commons, suggested that in future Mr Blair should take his deputy abroad to "avoid inflicting on the House the indignity it suffered yester-

Such a tactic, however, merely increased the waves of sympathy from Labour MPs. "Just because he sometimes gets his words wrong, the snooty middle-class element think they can laugh at him like hyenas. That is simply nasty class poli-

tics," a friend said. One source in Mr Prescott's Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions even suggested the min-ister had not heard Sir

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The withholding tax is a pro-posed 20 per cent levy on interest payments received by EU residents who hold savings, particulary Eurobonds issued in the City, in another EU country. The effect would hit the City's Eurobond market hard and threaten 10,080 British jobs as investors divert money outside the EU to countries such as Switzerland,

Michael Spicer's question, hence his rambling answer on the poll tax and financial support for local government. There was a lot of noise in the chamber at the time," they of-

While a public school educated, legally trained, performer such as Mr Blair would have dealt with the question even if he had known as little of the subject as Mr Prescott appeared to, his former seafaring deputy who failed the 11-plus does not have the polish to mask his rough edg-es with airs and graces. "John is a man whose virtues and shortcomings are all too visible," one MP said. Mr Prescott has never stood

in before for Mr Blair at such short notice. It was only on Tuesday that Mr Blair decided he had to leave for Brussels earlier than planned. Mr Prescott's briefing for the weekly confrontation, whose bearpit qualities horrify visiting pre-miers, began on Tuesday after-

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Sir Tom,

In No 10, he began to go through possible angles of questioning with a team of half a dozen civil servants. He regrouped with the same offi-



Follow my leader: but John Prescott found Tony Blair a hard act to follow at Prime Minister's Questions this week

they wanted to," one said.

cials for a couple of hours on Wednesday morning. In the meantime, loose leaf sheets of paper poured in from White-hall departments, the Downing Street policy and political units with possible lines to take to add to his bulging file.

slipping, it was an agonisingly "No one would be able to read through that whole file, even if long time to the end.

There was one saving grace. No Tory had the wit or pres-As the debacle unfolded, the perils of the new 30-minute ence of mind to hit him with a slot (it had been two 15-minute follow-up question about the withholding tax. That could sessions) became all too apparent. Once Mr Prescott started have proved terminal. Yester-

day, though, Mr Prescott's department could not have been more upbeat about his grasp of the withholding tax.

"If you ask him today, he would trot it out in detail," a spokesman said. But that was

Tories propose 'senators' for Lords

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENATORS in Parliament would replace the House of Lords under proposals unveiled yesterday by a Toryappointed commission. Most of the "SPs" would sit for 15-year non-renewable terms with similar powers to the current House.

The Constitutional Commission chaired by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former Tory Lord Chancellor, outlined two blueprints: an almost entirely directly elected second chamber; and a part-elected, part-appointed chamber. Its conclusion that some elections must be held gave the clearest signal yet that the Tories are moving towards backing a partially democratic second chamber. The Government favours a largely nominated House with a small, indirectly elected, element.

William Hague will consult peers and MPs before presenting the party's recommendation to the Royal Commission on reform.

Vote for change after Newark

ewark was the by-election no one really wanted. Labour was afraid of losing the seat; the Tories were worried about not winning: the pro-European Conservatives feared they might be squeezed out before they had got started; and it was a certain third place for the Lib Dems. So, privately, there was relief all round at the Court of Appeal's decision to quash Fiona Jones's conviction

for election fraud. But the Commons needs to look RIDDELL at its procedures. If the Tories had had their way, the writ for the by-election would have been moved before Easter and the campaign would already have been well under

way. Labour was yesterday

hurriedly welcoming Ms Jones back to the fold, having largely disowned her. More important are gaps in the law. While there is no real evidence of widespread corruption or abuse in local campaigns, last October's report on party funding from the Neill committee highlighted several shortcomings. Limits on constituency spending by candidates are quite low, around £8,000 in the average seat. The Neill report said these are "generally accepted and

ing at the strictly local level". The problem is that campaigning techniques have left the law looking antiquated: about when constituency cam-

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have, beyond any doubt, had

the effect of restraining spend-

paigns can be deemed to have begun and over what counts towards expenses. The cost of telegrams is included, but there is no mention of mobile phones, of telephone canvassing (often from outside the constituency) and of other modern techniques. The committee rightly proposed that guidelines need to be revised.

This is apart from longstanding, and apparently common, abuses such as cut-price printing. The under-declaration does not appear enormous. But there is a case for raising the constituency limit to a

more realistic level of, say. £25,000 or £30,000 and more rigorously enforcing it. More serious problems arise in by-elections where the

limit is already much higher (£30,000 to £35,000 in some cases) but the main parties have all been guilty of spending two or three times that amount. The Neill report recommended a limit in by-elections of perhaps £100,000. Far more serious issues are

raised by the current free-forall on spending at a national level. The Neill committee recommended limits, which are supported by Labour. The Government will be producing its detailed response and a draft Bill - in the summer. The Newark case underlines the need for legislation well before the next general election and for an Election Commission to supervise elections and funding.

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Thatcher furious at 'vindictive' **Pinochet** decision

Straw attacked over go-ahead for extradition, writes Frances Gibb

BARONESS Thatcher launched tra cases to bolster the argua bitter personal attack on Jack Straw last night after the Home Secretary announced that General Augusto Pinochet must face extradition pro-

As the former Chilean dictator prepared for a lengthy stay in Britain — at least until after Christmas - Lady Thatcher accused the Mr Straw of having put "his ambitions above his duties and so demeaned

She said that Mr Straw's decision was a "vindictive political act", and that "his consideration of the arguments seems to have been superficial and inadequate". She added: "This is not the de-

cision of a fair-minded man." Mr Straw gave the go-ahead for extradition proceedings against the 83-year-old general, who is wanted by Spain to stand trial on torture allegations, after last month's ruling by the law lords, which greatly reduced the number of charges for which he was deemed

Mr Straw said yesterday that the remaining charges were extraditable, and that there were no compassionate grounds, such as age or ill health, that should halt pro-

The law lords ruled last month that the general had no immunity from prosecution. But they said he could be extradited only on crimes dating from December 1988, when the International Convention on Torture came into force in

This cut from 31 to three the number of charges against him: one of torture and two of conspiracy to torture. Spain has since issued a list of 33 ex-

ment for extradition.
The law lords' original ruling, in favour of allowing extradition proceedings on wider charges, was set aside after it emerged that one of them, Lord Hoffmann, had not declared links with Amnesty International.

The case returned vesterday to Bow Street Magistrates' Court, which adjourned proceedings until April 30. Michael Caplan, for General Pinochet, had asked the court for an adjournment so that the general's lawyers could study Mr Straw's decision to issue the Authority to Proceed. The general remains under

effective house arrest in Wentworth, Surrey. His legal team is expected to seek a judicial review of Mr Straw's decision in the High Court. A hearing to seek leave is likely to be held at the end of this month or the beginning of next, and a full hearing may be held in June. The first step is a High

Court hearing tomorrow,

Secretary for extradition pro-

Yesterday the general's sup-porters, who had hoped that the case would be dropped in the light of last month's law lords ruling, expressed dis-may at the Home Secretary's

which will formally quash the

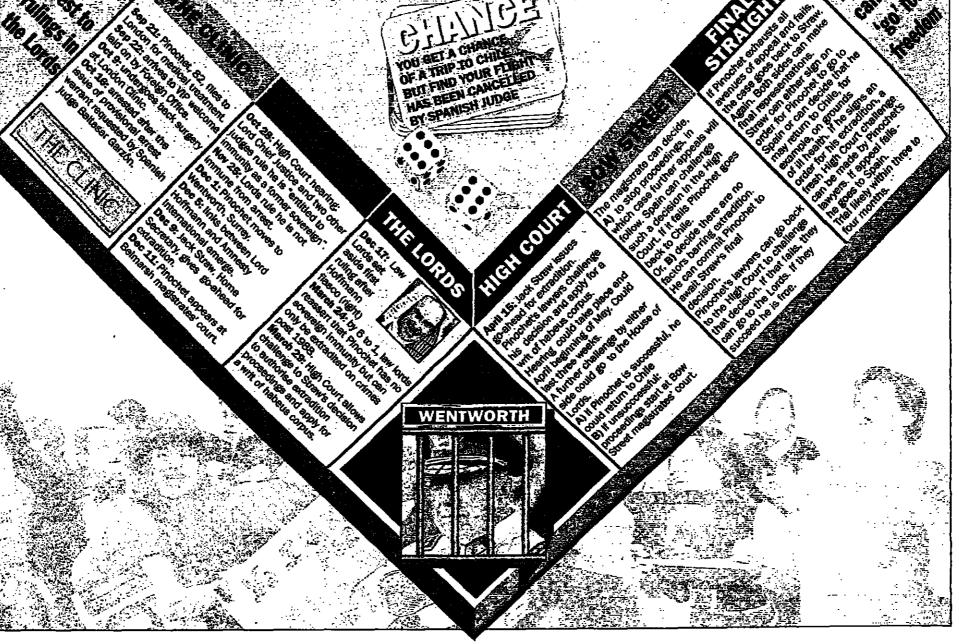
THE legal bill in the Pinochet affair is likely to reach several million pounds by the time his fate is decided. It is already thought to total more than £2 million. including the first High Court hearing and two subsequent House of Lords hearings. Both the general and the Crown Prosecution Service,

LEGAL COSTS RUN INTO MILLIONS

acting on behalf of the Spanish Government, have instructed teams of top lawyers. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, briefed Jonathan Sumption, QC, one of the highest-earning silks at the Bar, to defend him against a judicial review challenge over his original decision to

allow extradition proceedings.

As well as the legal costs, the police have run up a bill of about £1 million for guarding the general, who is



THE TORTUOUS TRAIL OF JUSTICE

ceedings to go ahead. Given the possibility of appeals, extradition proceedings are un-likely to start therefore before the autumn.

the judges will free General Pinochet. Meanwhile, No 10 will carry on giving cups of tea ers, child killers and terrorists from Northern Ireland." Fernando Barros, a close associate of the general and co-ordinator of the Chilean Reconciliation Movement, said that the ruling would mean only more suffering for the general,

decision. Lord Lamont of Ler-

wick said: "This is a political

judgment from a weak Home

Secretary frightened of his

own party. Jack Straw knows perfectly well that, in the end,

Chile and Britain. But campaigners including Amnesty International, who have pressed for the general to be extradited to Spain, hailed the latest ruling as "a great day for humanity" and another step along the road to justice for his alleged victims.

In a letter to all the parties.

setting out the Home Secretary's reasons, the Home Office said that he had considafter the law lords ruling. He had concluded that the general was accused in Spain of offences that dated from the relevant period and which were extraditable crimes for which he had no immunity as

a former head of state. The letter said: "The UK's obligation is to extradite Senator Pinochet to Spain consist-ently with the ECE [European Convention on Extradition]. That is the consideration to which the Secretary of State gives particular weight."

Even though the number of charges had dropped, they were still serious and had not happened so long ago that it would be unjust for Pinochet to stand trial for them

Mr Straw said that he had also taken into account claims that the general could face trial in Chile and the possible effect of proceedings on the stability of Chile and its relations with the Britain Lady Thatcher also pub-

lished details of a letter that ered the matter entirely afresh she had sent to Mr Straw, setting out "six powerful reasons" for halting the extradition proc-ess. These included that the nature of the case had changed and that the number of charges been cut dramatically.

Lady Thatcher said that it was impossible for the general to receive a fair trial in Spain because the case was being brought for political reasons, and that he would be held far more accountable if tried in Chile, where the cut-off point for offences was 1978.

She said that the general was ailing and that it would be highly embarrassing if he died in custody in Britain. Helen Bamber, director of

the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture. based in London, said: "Mr Straw's renewed decision reconfirms what two panels of law lords had previously judged: that men such as Pinochet. Milosevic and Saddam Hussein must stand trial for their crimes against humanity.

Simon Jenkins, page 22 fore Ronald Bartle, the Chief extradition.

Appeals could take months

GENERAL Pinochet is facing the prospect of many months of legal proceedings. His lawyers are expected to seek leave to challenge Jack Straw's decision that extradition proceedings should go ahead — the Authority to Proceed - in the High Court. If leave is granted within the next three weeks, a full hear-

ing could take place in June. But whichever way the High Court rules, a challenge could be made to the House of Lords, either by lawyers for Spain or the general.

If the judicial review and subsequent appeals fail, then the scene moves to Row Street Magistrates' Court for

With the summer holiday intervening, a hearing is unlikely before the autumn.

Mr Bartle has to be satis fied that the Authority to Proceed relates to an extradition crime and that there are no factors barring extradition under section 9 of the Extradition Act 1989.

Either side can challenge a decision to commit the general to await a final decision by Mr Straw.

When all appeals are ex-hausted, the Home Secretary receives final representations and makes his final decision on extradition. A trial in Spain would not take place for three to for

sent to ministers in July.

coincided with a survey of

2.300 mental health patients.

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als by the National Schizophre-

Cases of human 'mad cow' disease rise to 40

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE number of cases of new-variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease — the human form of "mad cow" disease - has risen to 40.

There were five deaths in the last quarter of 1998, the highest in any three-month pe-

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identified in 1995, when there were three cases. There were ten deaths in 1996 and 1997, and 16 last year. The latest figures show that one case was notified in the first two months of this year.

A team from the public health department at imperial College of Medicine at St



riod since the new variant was Mary's, London, has been trying to find out if there is any greater danger of people who work with animals or carcasses catching the disease. The team reports in the British Medical Journal that the

evidence so far is that there is no link. They studied all deaths from dementia-type ill-nesses between 1982 and 1996 among butchers, abattoir workers, veterinarians, farmers and their wives and found that the incidence of CJD was no higher than to be expected

in the general population. There were 12 deaths attributed to CJD in farmers over the period, but none among butchers, abattoir workers of veterinarians. None of the 13 deaths over the study period from new-variant CJD was in

any of these groups
The team says it is difficult to monitor trends in such rare diseases because of the small number of deaths and doubts about the precision of diagnosis of the causes of death.

Matisse loved his Experts back compulsory son to the letter

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

HENRI MATISSE communicated with his adult children almost daily by letter. but felt unable to speak to them, according to research into the life of the Post-Impressionist master.

More than 2,000 letters were saved by his art-dealer son Pierre, who died in 1989. Hundreds of unpublished letters from the artists Miro, Chagall and Giacometti are also in the archive, used by John Russell for Matisse: Father & Son (Abrams) to be published next month. Russell said the research

overturned the assumption "that father and son were very distant". The Matisses were a secretive family. "None of them talked to each other. Henri loved his son and his son loved him, but they couldn't get through to each other." In a letter to his sister, Pierre wrote: "When



his father's letters

we are together at home, we cannot talk or express the least opinion without setting a match to dynamite."

Such tension vanished with pen and paper. Matisse confided about his health and work, including the fact that be measured the time he took on line-drawings "by playing the gramophone".

treatment for mentally ill By ALEXANDRA FREAN of current practice was "based final recommendations will be

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to allow the compulsory treatment of psychiatric patients against their will received official backing yesterday from a panel of experts formed by the Government. A survey by a mental health group also found a majority in favour of forced treatment. The Mental Health Act

Review Expert Committee said it was in favour of compulsory treatment, provided it was overseen and approved by an independent body. Consideration must be given to each patient's capacity to consent to reatment and, where possible, ways should be found to enforce compulsory treatment

outside hospital, the panel said. The committee was established last year by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, who said that a "root and branch" review of mental health legislation was needed because much

on the needs and therapies of a bygone age". The review recognises that fundamental changes are needed to the policy of care in the community, which has been criticised after kill-

ings by psychiatric patients. Professor Genevra Richardson, chair of the committee, said that the members had been conscious of the need to improve public confidence in

nia Fellowship. A third said that the threat of compulsory treatment would stop people seeking help, but 58 per cent thought it was a good idea.

the system. The committee's

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Filling the magazine market for 40-plus women; memories of John Junor (right), by a managing director, why ITV was wrong to move News at Ten

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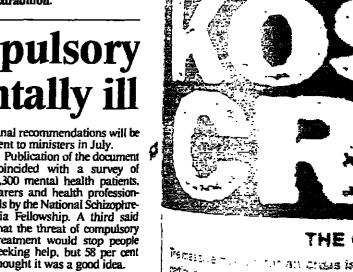
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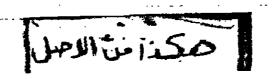
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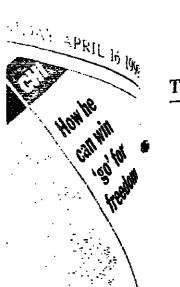


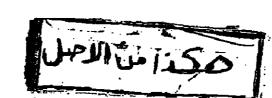


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HOME NEWS Beauty secrets of a Roman lady

Objects unearthed with bones of a woman provide clues to her status, writes Dalya Alberge

ROMAN BABY

Archaeologists investi-

gating the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter on Capitol Hill in Rome have found the

bones of a baby girl who died at the time

of the foundation of

Rome in the 8th centu-

ry BC (Richard Owen

writes). Her finders

said that she had been

buried with "every-

thing she needed for

the aftertife"; clothes,

crockery and toys.

AN EXQUISITE glass vessel that might have contained mascara, eyeliner or an oily perfume for use in the afterlife is among grave goods un-earthed with the coffin of a young Roman woman in the City of London.

It is hoped that the vessel, and other treasured objects found at the foot of the stone sarcophagus containing the woman's lead coffin, will provide clues to her identity. Archaeologists believe that the 4th-century skeleton, revealed when the coffin was opened on Wednesday night, is that of the wife or daughter of a member of Roman Britain's elite.

At the Museum of London yesterday, the delicate process of removing a deep layer of silt from the coffin began. As the sediment was scraped away, it

emerged that a pillow of neatly arranged leaves had been placed under the woman's head. Nothing like it had been found elsewhere, Simon Thurley, the director of the museum, said. "She was very carefully laid down. It incredibly

touching and so immediate." As work progressed, matted gold thread, which might be

was found. A second glass vessel - about lft long and probably used for food — was found between the coffin and the sarcophagus.

Little is known about 4thcentury burial practices in Britain, and archaeologists are hoping to learn a great deal from the tomb, which grave robbers who ransacked other graves at the site in Spitalfields somehow missed.

John Shepherd, an authoriry on Roman glass, said that whatever was inside |the vessell was precious". Taryn Nixon, the museum's chief archaeologist, noted its "remarkable" trailed-glass decoration and said that the grave goods not only suggested a wealthy woman, but someone

"much loved". She added: "Grave goods were very important ... they helped the soul on its journey to the afterworld. They comforted the dead and comforted the living in their grief." Through them they were getting "a very human perspective", because they showed as much about

the living as the dead. Among the grave goods were a jet disc and rod, the exact purpose of which is un-clear. Jet, a fairly expensive material in Roman times, was used as jewellery or for the hair. The disc might have been a pendant, Jenny Hall, curator of the museum's Roman gal-

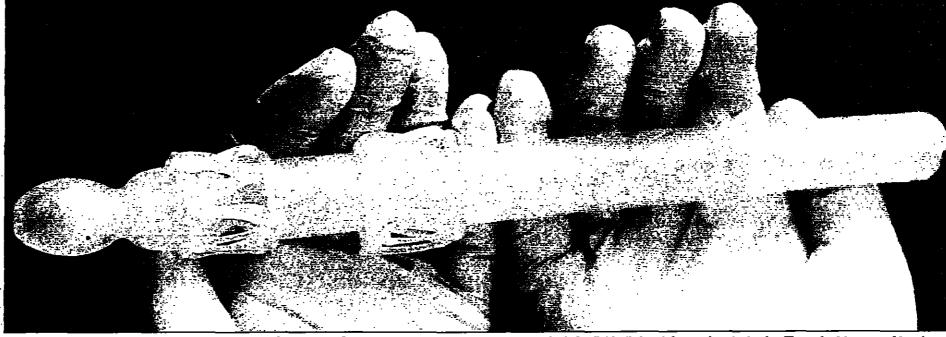
A jet canister might have been a jewellery box. It is still encased in a lump of earth and the archaeologists were yester-

day hoping that there might be jewels inside. It is unlikely that the woman's bones, once removed from the silt in the coffin. will reveal why she died, unless she suffered from a severe case of cancer. Her early death - she was probably in her twenties - was not unusual at a time when only 10 per cent of the population

lived beyond 45. Knowledge of medicine was rudimentary and stomach upsets and food poisoning were among the most common causes of death.

Women commonly died in childbirth and the archaeologists will be looking for any signs that this woman was pregnant. Her skull, resting on its side, will be examined for signs of a physical blow. It has already been noted that she had lost at least one tooth.

Scientists from Oxford University have taken samples for DNA testing, which should establish her racial mix. Another test could detect whether she had experienced a change of climate. The skeleton is on view at the Museum of London until April 25.



The decorated glass vessel and other objects were found at the foot of the sarcophagus at the burial site in Spitalfields. Below left, opening the lead coffin at the Museum of London

Mystery woman lived during best of times in Londinium

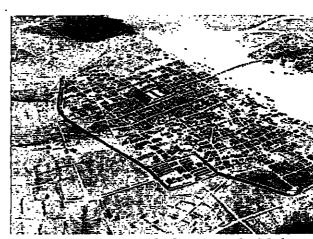
BY ALAN HAMILTON

LIFE was good for an uptown girl in 4th-century Londinium. With the central heating blazing away in her comfortable villa on the edge of the administrative capital of southern Britannia, she could afford to ignore the political troubles gripping the rest of the province.

London had declined slightly in influence, with the growing importance of York as the capital of the northern province. But it was still thriving and well-developed, with its large forum, its temple of Mithras, its theatre, bathhouses and its encircling wall on the landward side. And it remained the place where the Imperial treasury was kept.

Should our young woman have wished to travel, the Romans had completed more first-class roads than John Prescott is ever likely to. With the population of Britain estimated at five million, the traffic jam had yet to be invented.

By the 4th century Britain was thoroughly Romanised, except for the Celtic fringes of the North and West, which occupied most of the attention



Londinium: a circle marks the woman's burial place

of 50,000 soldiers in three legions permanently garri-soned in Britain. The only other cloud on the horizon was the rebellion by the general Carausius, causing civil strife until the rebels were overcome by the authorities in AD296. Thereafter, military and civil powers were separated and the primary role of governors was to act less as military generals than to be efficient tax collectors.

Our woman may have been the daughter of a high Ro-

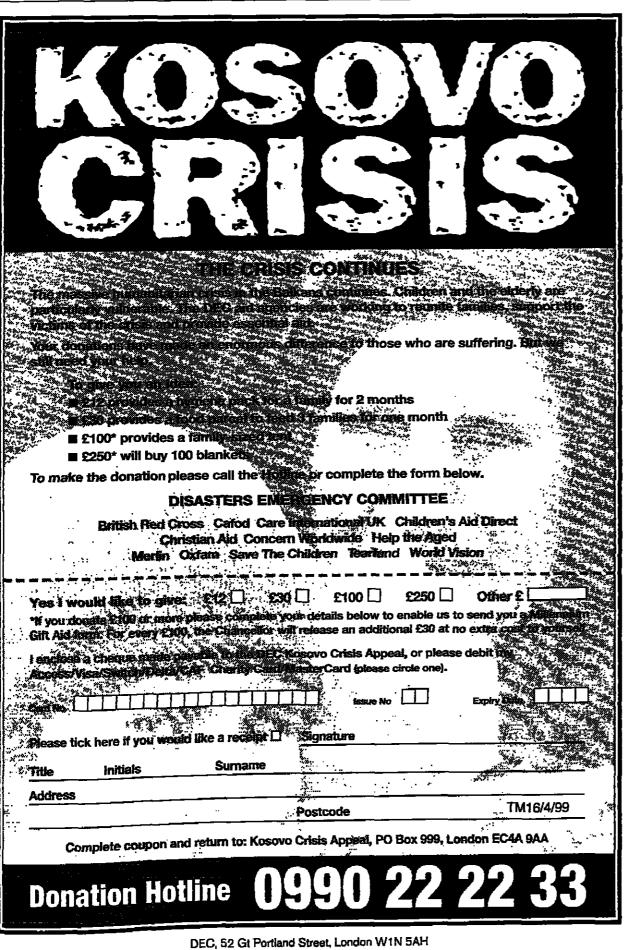
man official, perhaps even a governor. But she may also have belonged to the prosperous commercial and profes sional middle class, who lived well on the proceeds of trade in their hypocaust-heated villas with their walls of brick and Kentish ragstone and their ornate mosaic floors. one of the commonest Roman signals of prosperity.

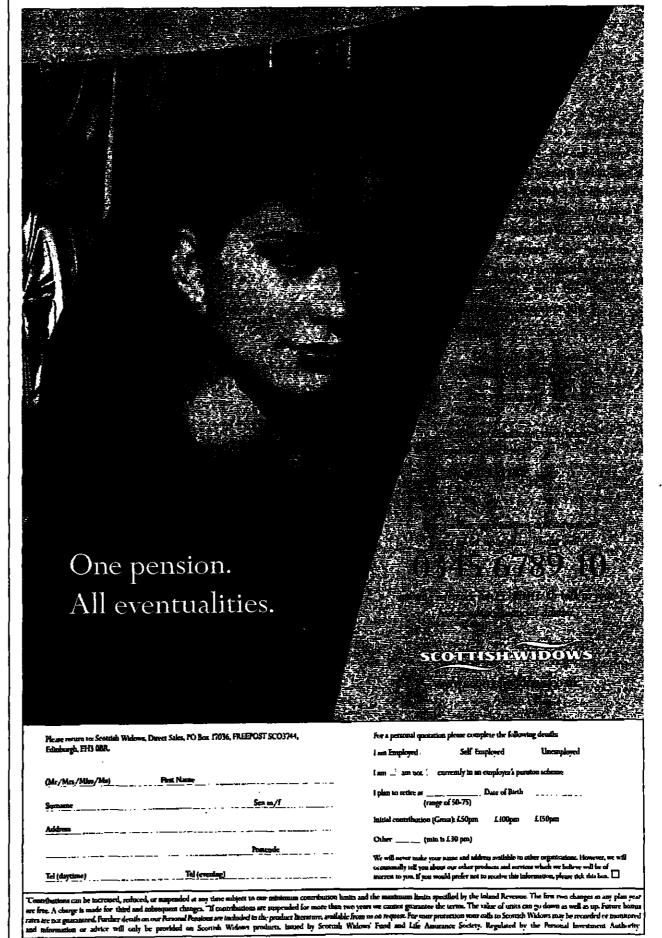
The climate then is thought to have been much the same as it is now, if perhaps a shade warmer. Agriculture oped to provision three legions as well as the civilian population. However, our young woman's household would have imported olive oil from the Continent, along with fish sauce, an early version of Lea and Perrins that appears to have been an ingredient of almost every Romano-British dish. whether fish from the Thames or deer and wild boar from the encircling forests.

Roman cooks made much use of herbs, including dill, coriander and fennel, and there is evidence of plentiful apples, pears, quinces, cherries and plums, as well as cucumbers and peas. Olives and figs were imported from

It was probably the heyday of the Roman occupation. But in AD410 the Romano-British, tired of an excessive tax burden to support the imperial bureaucracy, threw out the last remaining imperial officials, not knowing they were entering a darker age of harbarian raids on their undefended land. The young woman in the coffin had had the best of it.

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Bhutto faces jail and £5m bribes fine

BENAZIR BHUTTO, former Prime Minister of Pakistan and her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, were sentenced yesterday to five years in jail and fined £5 million on corruption charges. The conviction will lead to her disqualification from politics for five years.

Bhutto, who is in London. said last night that the conviction amounted to political victimisation and added that she would return home to face the consequences. It is clear that she will be jailed on her arrival. Zardari, who is facing trial on charges including murder and corruption, has been in prison for the past two and a

The two-member bench of the Rawalpindi branch of the Lahore High Court headed by Justice Abdul Qayum said in its judgment that the prosecution evidence proved that the couple received millions of pounds in bribes.

Bhutto was accused of awarding contracts to a Swiss company in return for bribes from it. It is the first time in Pakistan's history that a former Prime Minister, who is also a leader of the opposition. has been convicted on corrup-

Former leader vows to appeal against 'political

verdict', writes

Zahid Hussain

from politics. Bhutto, appearing on BBC television, denied the charges and accused the judges of being biased and of being cronies of the Nawaz Sharif Government. She said she would challenge her con-

viction in the Supreme Court. In Islamabad, her party spokesman said he did not think Bhutto would be arrested on return home because "we will get some relief from the Supreme Court before her Bhutto is facing trial in five

other cases of corruption by different courts across the country. There were indications that she may be convicted on those counts too. Corruption was cited as the

main reason when her second Government was dismissed in November 1996. The action was upheld by the Supreme

Court and charges of misdeeds led to her Pakistan People's Party's humiliating defeat in the election of Febru-

ary 1997.

Bhutto suffered a serious political setback with the revelations in September 1997 of the existence of Swiss bank accounts in the name of several offshore companies allegedly owned by her husband. Government investigators

said that millions of pounds received by the couple in bribes and commissions were transferred into those accounts. Bhutto denied that she had any links with the companies and the bank accounts. Although few can deny the allegations of widespread cor-

ruption in Bhutto's administration, the handling of the inves-tigation by Saifur Rehman, who is head of a blatantly partial anti-corruption bureau as well as being an aide of Mr Sharif, has made the whole process controversial. ☐ Missile test: Pakistan carried out its second ballistic missile test in 24 hours in defiance

of international pressure not

to fuel an worsening arms race with India. The Shaheen

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Nawaz Sharif would follow suit They wanted to divert in-

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For more than a decade, cor-

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Benazir Bhutto in London yesterday. She "is to go home to face the consequences"

Sudden verdict 'diverts attention from tests' THE former Prime Minister

of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto, denounced the timing of yesterday's verdict as "a cheap political trick" by Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, to divert hostile international attention from the country's ballistic missile tests. The ruling came suddenly.

while she was still appealing to have witnesses heard, "It is a butchery of justice", she said in London and vowed to risk jail by going home to fight for

"All the allegations are false. It's been a real butchery of a trial, and I am shocked and distressed," said Oxfordeducated Bhutto, who has

Ex-leader claims tit-for-tat missile race with India was behind abrupt

verdict, says Vanora Bennett ried with this trial was be-

been in London this week while her trial went on in Rawalpindi. "They are trying to take away my right of liberty. my right to contest elec-tions and destroy my inde-pendent means so that I can-not fight. It is an abuse of the judicial process. I plan to return next week. Pakistan is where my home is. I think it's better for me to return even if

"I think the reason they hur-

ed Islamabad politics as Mr Sharif and the liberal Bhutto each came to power and each was removed early from it, both on corruption charges. Once praised as a symbol of

democracy. Bhutto, 45, has spent the three years since she last lost power scrambling to rebut charges that her family took bribes estimated by the authorities in Islamabad as

worth £1 billion.

Because Mr Sharif is close to Pakistan's powerful generals. Bhutto accuses the Prime Minister of undermining the country's judicial independence and democracy to pursue a vendetta against her. She dates the feud from the 1977

toppling of her father, Zul-fikar Ali Bhutto, by General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, who imposed martial law and whom Bhutto calls Mr Sharil's mentor.

"These are people who killed my father to remove him from the political scene. and they are trying to eliminate me, to do my political killing," she said.

Bhutto paints the battle for Pakistani hearts as a light between two forces, "the force of theocracy as represented by Mr Sharif, and the force of liberalism as represented by me. The verdict is still out on who

Both Bhuttos have had a

magnetic appeal for Pakistan's poor. But both were a disappointment in office. exhausting their energies in pol-itical manoeuvring and, their

critics say, in sleazy politics. Charges of corruption did not stick after Bhutto's first dismissal, in 1990. But since the second dismissal, in 1996. her reputation has been compromised as the investigation moved beyond Pakistan. Last year, a Swiss magistrate said that he had amassed enough evidence to indict Bhutto on money-laundering charges. The evidence he sent to the trial included documentation of the purchase of a diamond necklace worth £100,000.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Poll fraud ends Algeria hopes

which has cost an estimated 700,000 lives. Algeria yesterday failed to organise a credible election, thereby shutting the door on any hopes for peace (Adam Sage writes).

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with only the Government-approved candidate left in the race after the rest withdrew in protest at alleged vote-rigging, the authorities are bracing themselves today for mass protests. Abdelaziz Bouteflika. 62, the only candidate left in the race, said he was ready to assume power despite the controversy over the poll. M Bouteflika, a former Foreign Minister, is backed by the army, a large section of the political establishment and the country's most powerful trade union.

KLM shreds squirrels

Amsterdam: KLM. the Dutch airline, apologised for using a shredding machine to kill 440 Chinese squirrels shipped illegally to The Netherlands. Reacting to public disgust, it called the slaughter, in which the animals were dropped, apparent ly alive, into a shredder of the type common in the poultry in-dustry, an unethical mistake. But it said it had little choice after failing to find a home for the animals, which arrived from China last week without proper documentation. (AP)

Hillary's invitation

Washington: President Clinton and his wife may be plagued by rumours about their relationship but Hillary Clinton is set to paint a picture of domestic bliss (Damian Whitworth writes). She is writing a book, An Invitation to the White House, about their home entertaining, from visits by heads of state and official delegations to traditional annual receptions, private parties and Christmas celebrations - all lavishly illustrated with photographs, guest lists and recipes.

Netanyahu ally jailed

Jerusalem: Arieh Deri, right, a key ally of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, was jailed for four years for corruption - a sentence that, ironically, could boost support for Mr Netanyahu in the general election on May 17 (Christopher Walker writes). Political observers said that the sentence on Deri, leader of the ultra-Orthodox, ethni-cally-based Shas party, could rally its Sephardic supporters to the polls.



Shooting baby lives

Sydney: A baby girl was delivered alive after her eight-months pregnant mother, 26, shot herself in the head. The baby was in a critical condition in Canberra Hospital after being airlifted from Temora in southern New South Wales, police said. The woman, the wife of a police officer, was found dead by her husband at her home. (AFP)

Six killed in air crash

Shanghai: A Korean Air MDII cargo plane crashed near here leaving at least six dead and more than 40 people on the ground injured, officials said. Flight KE 6316 crashed in heavy rain shortly after take-off from Shanghai's Hongqiao airport. A senior Korean Air official said that a bomb may have caused the crash, but this had not been verified. (AFP)

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terday after an elderly retired United Nations diplomat visiting South Africa was raped by

a gang of robbers who broke into the house where she was staying in Pretoria.

The 64-year-old American woman's two-hour ordeal has

again highlighted the increas-

ing brutality accompanying the crimewave that has en-

The former diplomat, who

used to work with Unicef and

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Yeltsin salutes Russia's prima donna of pop

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

ALLA PUGACHEVA, Russia's best-loved songstress, celebrated her fiftieth birthday yesterday to an incredible outpouring of adoration from the whole country.

President Yeltsin shared a

glass of champagne in the Kremlin with the woman they call "The Prima Donna," and awarded her the Order of Service to the Fatherland, Second Class.

"First Class is awarded only to the President as a symbol of his power," he explained to the joyful Ms Pugacheva. She was accompanied by her young pop star husband, Fillip Kirkorov, and Valentin Yudashkin, a de-

The Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper published Ms Pugacheva's home address last week as part of its campaign to persuade readers to take one rose each to her door in the hope that she would receive a million roses for her



Alla Pugacheva and President Yeltsin yesterday, who told the nation's favourite singer he was a fan because she "opposed those who wanted to prohibit, to erect obstacles"

She emerged yesterday morning, cigarette holder in hand, to greet screaming rose-bearing fans before she sped off to the Kremlin in her trademark white limousine. 'Come back when I'm sixty."

she laughed. Ms Pugacheva was Russia's first real pop star. She had no interest in politics and sang only love songs, like Robot, her first song played on early morning radio in 1965.

the lyrics. "You are as cold as an iceberg, your sorrows lie under the dark water". She was the first Russian star to have her turbulent private life scrutinised by the tabloid press.

Even now, rumours about plastic surgery and her muchloved gap teeth, which miraculously moved together last year; attempts to have a child by Mr Kirkorov, and a possible near fatal illness resulting and Iceberg, a later song with in dramatic weight loss, domi-

nate Russia's more frivolous newspapers. She married Mr Kirkorov — her third hus-band who is over twenty years her junior — in 1994, three years after the birth of her first grandchild, Nikita. Ms Pugacheva's daughter heard about the wedding on the news and sent a telegram reading: "Dear Mum and

Dad, congratulations." Ms Pugacheva is famous for her short skirts and love life as much as for her songs.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said yesterday: "Love her or hate her, she is part of life. part of our heritage."

In the 1970s people used to joke that President Brezhnev would be remembered as a politician of the Pugacheva era. Mr Yeltsin appeared to be protecting himself from any attempts to update the old joke yesterday, saying: "Many of us can claim to have lived in the Pugacheva

He told the singer he had become a fan early in her career when she "opposed those who wanted to prohibit, to erect obstacles...l also fought, and in this we are sim-

LINKS

http://www.alfa.net/ — This is an un-official Alia Pugacheva website and fan

http://lighthouse.nsys.by/music/ photos/pugacheva/ladex.htm — This ste is in Russran, but has a good sel-ection of photographs. electric fence surrounding the house in Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria's diplomatic suburb, at about 1.30am. Police Inspector Helene Heerden, who is leading the investigation, said that the woman was attacked in her bedroom while other mem-

ilar". In Soviet times the au-

thorities considered some of

her songs too racy for release,

though in 1991, President Gor-

bachev officially honoured

her by making her a People's Artist of the USSR — the last,

Yesterday, the media were

falling over themselves to ap-

plaud her even re-running

Mr Kirkorov's documentary

in her honour, which three

years ago was seen by 85 per

cent of the Russian public.

as it turned out.

bers of the gang ransacked the They then forced her out of the house into a nearby field where she was raped again before she was thrown down a slope. She was found, severely

shocked, two hours after the alarm was raised. A police dog unit was called in and three suspects were arrested soon afterwards and some of the stolen goods were recovered. The other six suspects were arrested within hours and will appear in court on Monday.

FOR DETAILS

'Newt's salute' heralds return of ex-Speaker W

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH, the former House Speaker thrown into the political wilderness five months ago. has dramatically returned to the limelight with a spectacular gala dinner in Washington to raise cash that will promote his views and perhaps pave the way for another bid for office.

Mr Gingrich resigned last November after the poor Republican showing in mid-term elections, and while he has made few public pronounce-ments since then, the conservative politician has been quietly preparing his power base. rallying his friends and making money, for himself and for his political future.

The "Salute to Newt" at the Capitol Hilton hotel on Wednesday, drawing some 600 Newt-fanciers paying more than \$1,000 (£615) a head, had all the glitzy hallmarks of a campaign rally, although the focus of the event is not a candidate for anything celebrities such as Mary Tyler Moore, the actress, and Jay Leno, the talk-show host, fulsome tributes to the former speaker, patrione songs, prayers and a video presentation of the life and times of Mr Gingrich narrated by Charlton Hes-

Any suggestion that Mr Gingrich has lost his political clout was dispelled by the guest list, which included 52

members of Congress and the man who has succeeded him as speaker, Dennis Hastert.

The dinner was expected to raise at least \$1 million for FONG, the somewhat unlikeacronym for Friends Of Newt Gingrich, his new political action committee that has already raked in thousands of dollars in donations from Gingrich supporters.

Mr Gingrich, whose "Contract with America" platform helped engineer a Republican majority in the House for the first time in four decades, is now positioning himself as an ideological "Godfather" to the



Gingrich: hallmarks of a glitzy campaign rally

party, dispensing wisdom and cash to Republican candidates who share the former speaker's views on three central issues: limiting taxes to 25 per cent of income, protecting and reforming the Social Security system and building a national missile defence network.

'Together we accomplished a lot. It was a decisive transition in power," Mr Gingrich told his adoring audience.

Gingrich associates say that he will not consider running for office until after elections in 2000, with the governorship of Georgia in 2002 and even the presidency in 2004 or 2008 cited as likely targets.

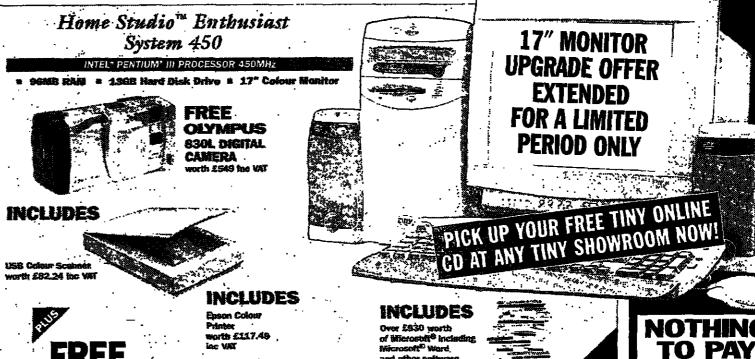
"I'm just the age Ronald Reagan was when he first ran for governor," he said pointedly when asked about his ambi-Mr Gingrich was always a

formidable fundraiser. In 1997-98 he collected \$86 million on behalf of Republicans. But out of office and unrestrained by congressional rules on ethics, he has been raking in cash at a remarkable

Since standing down he has given some 38 speeches, at \$50,000 a time, to such varied audiences as car dealers and Internet technicians. The Washington Post esti-

mated that in 1999 he will make an astonishing \$3 million in speaking fees alone.

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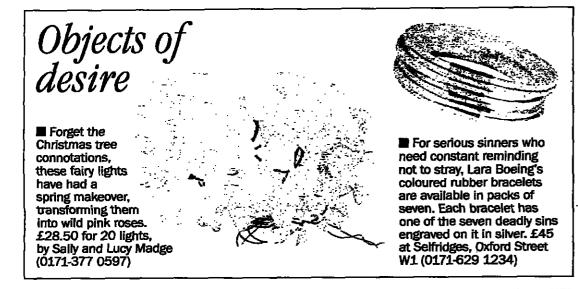
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Alex O'Connell finds a hile less sculp-tured headgear Sikh teacher who hides her crown like a dead cat riding an upside-down breakfast bowl, the hair in a seductive turban

alternative that turns a boy into a warrior and a girl into a the Latin actress Carmen Miranda, known as the Brazilian Bombshell, who decorated Since the early Eighties, when owners of New York art hers with fruit, and the Twengalleries teamed them with ties seductress Gloria Swancigarette holders and batson, whose fishnet half-turban matched her long, fingerless winged jumpers, I have always wanted to cover my pate gloves, managed by themwith a piece of crushed velvet. selves. But ever since my mother gave me a receding hairline Not only do turbans make with her fierce pre-school hairthe most drab boys look like plaiting sessions, I have al-

Rudolph Valentino in The Sheik or Richard Burton in ways taken full responsibility The Rains of Ranchpur, they for my fashion mistakes. can also conceal unwashed I decided to set some trainlocks or that unfortunate ing from a man who knows Prisoner Cell Block H hairdo how: a Sikh teacher who has that your hairdresser insisted been giving lessons in turbantving at the Victoria and Alwas "very Joan of Arc". But the line between looking bert Museum to coincide with

like the walking wounded and an exhibition to mark 300 years of Sikhism. a handsome courtesan is as fine as the most fragile muslin Traditionally, turbans were worn by Sikhs to keep long wrap. And although it looks as hair neat and tidy. The Sikh though it should be as simple as tying your laces, getting a holy book, Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. had a motto: "Handturban tied in the proper way may be the difference between some is thy turban and sweet holding your head up high and spending the evening in is thy speech." My teacher. Mohinder Singh Mand from the Ladies stabbing yourself Hounslow, a turban-shaped with a handful of kirby grips. man with magic hands, had both these attributes.

In the past the most famous Hollywood turban-wearers have had a team of assistants on hand to fold and flatter them, It is most unlikely that

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metre cloth and fold it together. By the end of the display I figured that even Joan Crawford, the most loyal turban-wearer who once did a nine-city promotion without taking hers off, would have torn her hair out before tying

the topknot. While I perched on a stool Singh Mand explained the importance of the first fold. He wrapped the cloth tightly making sure that the material was lower on the right side of my head and higher on the left - until my ears were throbhing like Meathoaf's amplifier

When my skull was almost covered and only my crown exposed, he pulled the first fold back and fanned it open to cover the bare bit before tucking the last fold in at the back. I looked like Joan Collins. Then began the unwrapping process. Rather than my whirling around like a dervish while my hair was uncovered, the turban was removed in a couple of speedy motions.

designer Neisha

Shortly afterwards I tried to find suitably long scarves so I could re-enact the scene. At Preparation is all, he insisted. Before you put the material Joseph I found toffee-andanywhere near your head, two cream stripes made by the people must stretch the five-

Crosland. For an extravagant £90 they are as light as a spider's web and made me feel like a Victorian lady explorer. For those who can't sleep unless their dusters have a metre flowery scarves in Pucci-style pinks, yellows, blacks and greens made from

crushed georgette silk for £115. For a snip of the price Jigsaw has some oversized hankies in black and white cotton for £6.95. Unless you have a nose the size of a DC10, they are best wrapped around the head. Most elegant is Agnès B, which has the most beautiful off-white/lilac material strips in the lightest linen for £52.

ut cheap and authentic cloth can be found at any good Indian material shop for a fraction of the cost. For leopardskin and printed tur-ban material in African designs, try Pitch 17 of Brixton Market, where long scarves sell for between £2.50 and E7.99. And if you still cannot face coming back from the supermarket knowing that your head is bigger than your shopping bag, the Aquis hair turban is ideal for the nervous novice. The super-absorbent strip that I found in Harrods for £19.95 will curb summer colds and make you feel like a vintage Elizabeth Taylor.

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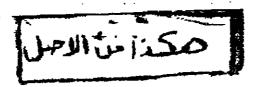
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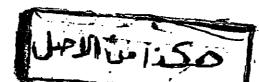
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'I feel weary. When will this madness end?'

Thursday, March 25

Yesterday, Nato launched into war against Serbia. I married Serge, a doctor, in January 1994 in his home town of Leskovac, in Southeast Serbia, and we have visited his family there once or twice a year ever since. The lear that they may now be bombed is like nothing I have experienced: I am quiv-

As I am about to leave the office. Serge phones to say our neighbours have called to apologise for the bombing. They are insisting that they take us. and our three-year-old daughter Isabella, out for a drink in our local Café Rouge to try to

cheer us up.
I meet them there and we have a wonderful hour's respite from the war. We arrive home at 9.30 feeling relaxed for the first time in two days. Almost immediately, the phone rings. It is a friend in Sweden, calling to tell us that

Leskovac has been bombed. Ten minutes later, we get through to Serge's parents, Vida and Ljubisa. All the windows in their house have shattered, but they are unharmed. I am weak with relief but feel as though we are all in a surreal film: I cannot believe this is happening.

There are no air-raid shelters in Leskovac, a small town about the size of Maidenhead which has two military barracks, one disused. Vida and Ljubisa, who are in their late fifties, had realised they could not shelter in their cellar because it still contains some oil for their central heating. My father-in-law, a civil engineer, had decided the safest spot was in a door-frame in the centre of the house. So there they sat, for several hours, while the sirens wailed, until finally they heard two explosions, followed by a soft pattering sound which they took to be

Overcome by curiosity, t plucked up courage to look through a window at the back of the house. The sky was speciacular, shades of crimson and orange, really rather beautiful," says Vida, "And then we realised that the sound was not rain, but little pieces of de-

bris drifting down." We spend the next two hours on the phone, calling relatives and friends. They are all unhurt, but their fear is overwhelming. Serge's 26-year-old cousin Ivana is literally hysterical. We feel powerless. furious and guilty. all at once, that they are in danger and

we are not. At 11.30 we realise we have not eaten any dinner, but are too exhausted to contemplate so much as buttering a slice of bread. For the second night running. Isabella has fallen asleep on the sofa-We have got to get a

Friday, March 26

The response to my piece in The Times takes me completely by surprise. People are universally warm and sympathetic. I feel uplifted and then when Times Magazine columnist John Diamond sends me a fax saying how moved he is, ending with "it must be awful for you" - humbled. You can never, of course, compare suffering; nevertheless, it seems to me that having no tongue and contemplating your death from cancer is a worse form of suffering than

The Figure ours - albeit just as arbitrary. In the evening we call Serge's parents. The bombs that fell on Leskovac were dropped by RAF Harriers; they destroyed the barracks. but also (presumably by mistake) Serge's old school, in the centre of town. This explains why Vida and Ljubisa's windows shattered; the barracks are two miles away, but the school is only 500 merres or so distant. The news that his school has been bombed - by the British — sends Serge into a state of almost comical bewilderment

Sunday, March 28

We are spending the weekend with my brother and his family in Sussex. My parents are here too, and we are very deliberately not watching the news. For all our sakes, but especialto technities we desperately

Three weeks ago Sandra Parsons, who is married to a Serb, gave her reaction to the Nato offensive. Here is her diary of the war

> ous trickle out as they were intimidated, beaten up and burnt out of their homes. Milo-

> sevic cunningly exploited that

discontent by promising to re-

move Kosovo's autonomy, and

as a result swept to power in

1987. The hatred is equal on

point out that no one cared when 800,000 of them were ethnically cleansed from

Croatia and western Bosnia in

the Bosnian War, and that the

West was only too happy to

hail Milosevic as the man of

the moment when it came to

emotional exhaustion; con-

fused and in despair. He and

his family have never shared

the Serbian taste for national-

ism; they were not brought up that way. It is an element of

his country he loathes, and

does not properly understand.

As we go back to bed at 3am, he is adamant that he

does not want to watch, or

read, any more about this war.

He left Serbia in 1992 to avoid

being called up to fight in the

Bosnian War; he is finding

this latest grim episode in Ser-

bia's history too much to bear.

The one thing I am sure of is

that this is the end of Serbia. I only want to know that my

family are alive every day. Just

It is the day before the Ortho-

dox Serbian Easter Day, and

under Vida's instructions I go with Isabella to the Serbian Or-

thodox church in search of the

The doors are locked: i try

them again and a priest opens

them. "Are you open?" I ask.

astonished as to why an Eng-

lishwoman wants to come to

his church. "I am just clean-

ing, but you are most wel-

'Come in." he says, clearly

come." After another

minute, his curiosity

overcomes his man-

ners: "Are you mar-

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dies. As we leave he

gives Isabella a bot-

tle of holy water and

asks if we are com-

ing to the service that evening. When I

tell him no, he says:

Then say a prayer

for peace at 7 o'clock.

If enough people

pray, peace will come."

Sunday, April 11

Visit Vesna and Ivit-

ce, refugees from the

Bosnian War. They

are concerned about

Russia pointing nu-

dear missiles at the

West: I dismiss it as

posturing. That is

our Western mentality." says

Ivitee. "I promise you, the Rus-

sians are bankrupt, unem-ployed and angry. That is a na-

they have just heard a massive

That's not true," she says

firmly. Gently, I say that they

did the same thing with Bos-

nian Muslim women. "I know

they did," she says. "But you

don't understand. The Serbs

hate the Kosovo Albanians:

apart from anything else, they

think they are dirty. I am tell-

ing you, I know the Serb men-

tality. They would not want

truth is? What we have learnt

is that just as Serge's family

cannot believe anything they

hear or read over there, so we

even to touch those women."

9pm. Ljubisa rings to say

tion ready for war."

Tuesday, April 13

ried to a Serb?"

tell me when it's all over."

Saturday, April 10

in English.

the Dayton agreement. Serge is beside himself with

In addition, the Serbs will

both sides

need an injection of something approaching normality. We go to the beach, where Isabella and her two-year-old cousin Myles spend a happy hour building sandcastles.

My mother says she understands what we are going through: "This is how it was for us in the Second World War," she says gently. "Never knowing whether people you loved were going to be killed. You will learn to live with it. You must." As she is currently undergoing painful chemo-therapy with enormous stoicism, I take her point.

Tuesday, March 30 Dreadful stories of thousands of refugees fleeing Kosovo. All human misery is on their faces. Oddly, I feel i empathise with them even more than I would have done were I not connected to the country so persecuting them.

Thursday, April 1

Isabella is playing one of her favourite games, pretending to call a friend on her toy phone. "Mmm, yes, how are you?" she says chattily into the receiver. "Yes, they threw bombs at their houses. Terrible, isn't it?" Of course, she does not know what a bomb is, but my stomach is watery with shock. Apart from the night the

bombing began, we have been scrupulous in never watching the news, or talking about the war, imless she is asleep. Butclearly she has overheard us on the phone, and inevitably she picks up on the undercurrent of tension which, try as er disguise. She has taken to coming into our bed every night and we have made no effort to return her to her own room; we are suffused with an almost animal instinct to hold her close. She is the only one of our family we can at least attempt to protect.



"I feel I empathise with the refugees even more"

Good Friday. I truly believe that even if I were not married to a Serb. I would still be virulently opposed to this war. It seems to me ill-conceived, morally wrong, and quite patently it is not working. It has successfully destroyed what small roots of democracy there were in Serbia; it has united even liberal, intelligent Serbs with Milosevic, a man they all previously despised; and it has un-

ing of the Kosovans. In the process, it looks likely that it will also destroy Serbia, a country already brought to its economic knees by sanctions. In all my visits there I have never met anyone pro-Milosevic, I have met dozens for whom life no longer has any hope or meaning. And that was before all this.

doubtedly hastened the suffer-

Thursday April 8 Midnight. It is years since Serge and I talked about Serbian history and politics, but I insist he explains to me why the majority of Serbs hate the Kosovo Albanians so much. Clearly, they know about the ethnic cleansing, but don't care. We begin talking in bed and eventually put our dressing gowns on and sit until the early hours at the kitchen table. He explains as best he can. For decades the Serbians were the oppressed minority

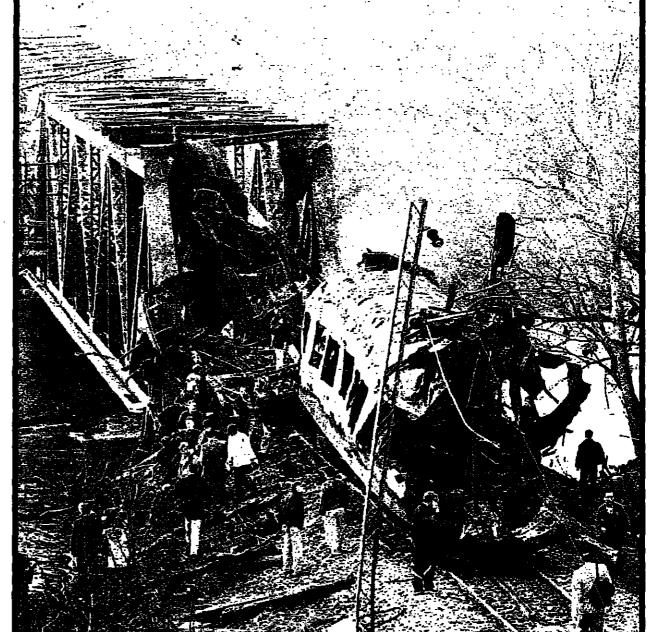
in Kosovo; there was a continu-

cannot believe anything said by Nato or the Ministry of De-fence here. It is a cliche that truth is the first casualty of war, but just how much that is so, I am only now beginning to

Later in the day come reports of a refugee convoy being bombed by Nato in Kosovo, killing 64. I watch the llpm news, listening as Nato says it is investigating, but it seems the attack was by the Serbs, disguised to appear as if by Nato. Instantly, I know it was Nato; if it were not, they would have denied it vehe-

mently and immediately. As I listen to Tony Blair say-ing we cannot believe anything said by the Serbs, as it is all propaganda, I find myself saying to the TV screen: and what you are saying is not?

Thursday, April 15 Nato has admitted it did bomb the convoy. It deeply regrets the loss of civilian life. America says the bombardment of Serbia could continue until the summer. I feel unutterably weary. When is this madness



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A line in the sand which wins respect

A partitioned Kosovo is best,

says Sir Malcolm Rifkind

o far. the results of Nato's military intervention in Yugoslavia have been appalling. The bombing has given President Milosevic an unprecedented chance to drive about a million Kosovans into exile. It has, for the first time in years, united the Serbs behind their dictator. It has jeopardised tiny Montenegro's brave attempts to distance itself from Mr Milosevic. And it may be the final nail in the coffin for Russia's liberals and Westernisers.

And yet our instincts tell us there is a powerful moral case for Nato's actions. The bombing has an honourable intent even if the benefits have yet to manifest themselves. We are asked to be patient; to allow the bombing to destroy Serthe combing to destroy ser-bia's military might until, inevitably. Mr Milosevic comes to his senses. I would dearly like to believe that this is what will happen

but the evidence is very frag-ile. Of course, Mr Milosevic does not like the damage being done to his military capability, but before long Nato will run out of serious military targets. What then? There is, rightly, no desire to destroy Serbia's economic infrastructure or to bomb its cities. Air power has serious limitations when ground attack is not available and when only military targets are permissible.

There is a basic fault in the strategy so far and one has a duty to refer to it. If Nato had a fundamental aversion to the deployment of ground forces, it should have limited the bombing campaign's objectives to those that can be achieved by clearly air power alone.

ethnic cleansing. These are real achievements, that have always been deliverable by bombing, but there is as yet no evidence that they will force Mr Milosevic out of Kosovo.

If Nato wanted to enforce a political accord on the ground, it was unwise to have excluded the use of ground forces so unequivocally. Mr Milosevic is an evil man but he is no fool. One cannot rule out ground forces without that message being heard clearly in Belgrade. Mr Milosevic and the Serbs know that if they are prepared to accept punishment from the air, they cannot be forced out of Kosovo.

I am acutely aware that it is always very easy for armchair critics to attack what Nato or the Government are doing. Diplomacy often requires the least bad solution when perfect responses are not available. A policy may not be logical but that does not mean it is necessarily wrong. As Defence, and then Foreign. Secretary I faced the same awful choices as George Robertson and Robin Cook. Accordingly, having expressed my grave concerns, let me suggest a way forward from the present debacle. Nato has

If Bill Clinton and Tony Blair genuinely believe that bombing alone will force Mr Milosevic to concede all their demands, they must soldier on and time will prove whether they are right or wrong.

If, at least privately, they have lost their confidence in the bombing alone strategy, but they are still immovable on ground forces, they must prepare the public for the Serbs to stay in Kosovo and a major defeat for Nato. Such an endgame would be as much of a disaster for Nato as for the Kosovans.

That leaves the third option of ground forces. Three weeks ago I would have been against their deployment. I still believe that it would result in years of military occupation, a Serb guerrilla campaign and significant Western casualties. But Nato has committed itself too far and too unambiguously to settle for less than a clear defeat of Mr Milosevic. It is not just a matter of Nato pride. Since the start of hostilities, the expulsion of the Kosovans has transformed a local tragedy into a European crisis, worse than anything since 1945. Mr Milosevic has made

a Nato climbdown impossible. That does not make a Nato ground invasion inevitable, but it does make the credible threat of such an invasion an essential part of a new diplomatic initiative to secure an acceptable peace. A negotiated settlement would, inevitably, involve an element of compromise but that should not be unacceptable to Nato or Western public opinion. The Serbs

do have a legitimate and historic interest in Kosovo. Nato was which has been part of their coununwise to try for most of this century. A signifirule out cant minority of Kosovo's natural ground population are Serbs and their troops so rights must be respected. Demands for unconditional

defences are being destroyed and he is paying a high military price for his ethnic cleansing. Them The basis of a negotiated settlement should be a division of Kosovo, with the greater part becoming an

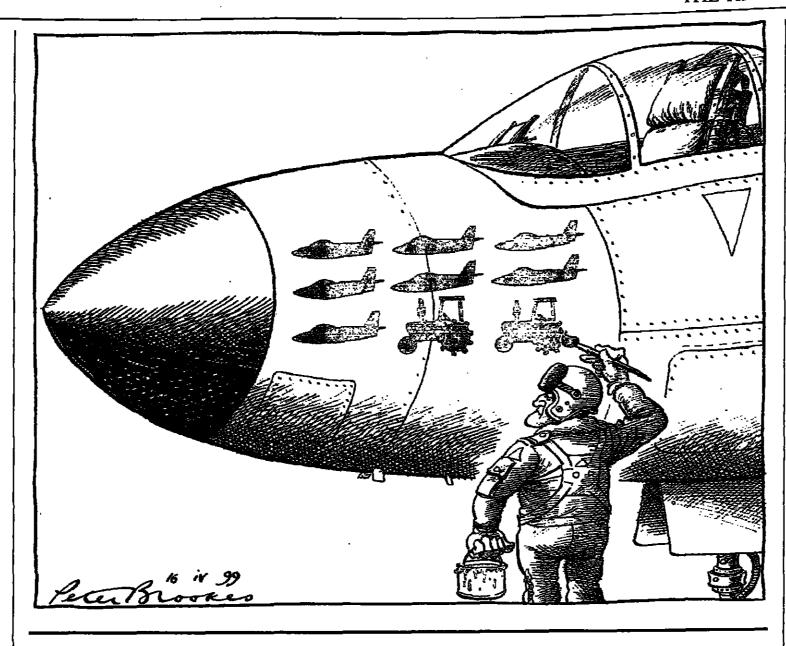
independent state for the Kosovo Albanians and a small area, including the sites of greatest historic and cultural importance to the Serbs, being integrated into Yugoslavia. The negotiations with the

Serbs should be conducted by Nato and Russia jointly. Moscow has more influence with Belgrade than anyone else and the Russian public must be shown that the West sees Russia as having an essential role to play. Negotiations in a vacuum will not succeed, however. as Mr Milosevic would have no sufficient incentive to surrender most of Kosovo. Only the threat of a Nato ground invasion would achieve the necessary concessions. Nato must not make such a threat unless it is serious and the Serbs know action would

follow if necessary.

Such a strategy would combine realism with idealism. It would offer a real prospect of the Kosovans being able to return home. It would create stability in the region. It would help to prevent the West losing Russia to a xenophobic redbrown coalition. And it would enable Nato to achieve an honourable conclusion to the

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Bloody liberals

ladstone's cry echoed across Europe. He told the House of Commons in 1877: "A band of heroes such as the world has rarely seen stand on the rocks of Montenegro. They have sent you their petition, they have prayed for your help and protection . . . That bur-den of woe and shame, the greatest that exists on God's earth, is the one that we thought united Europe was about to remove." The Balkan

minorities fascinated the Victorians. Defending them against attack challenged their faith and their manhood. Byron had championed Greece and Albania. Tennyson joined Gladstone's call to arms. Of the Balkans, he wrote in a rather plodding sonnet: "They kept their faith, their freedom, on the height/ Chaste, frugal, savage, arm'd by day and night."

Guardian editorials lack Tennyson's metre, but today's liberal imperialist revival is no less bold. Augusto Pinochet of Chile is seized from the authority of his own people for inquisition by Chile's former ruler, Spain. President Saddam Hussein is being bombed by Iraq's one-time overlord, Britain, like the regular thrashing of a Victorian schoolboy "for his own good". Post-colonial warlords are summoned from Africa to stand trial for "war crimes" in once-imperial European capitals. An air assault on Yugoslavia escalates towards all-out war, amid confusion and horror, to cheers from The Guardian, The Independent and The Observer, and from the massed Labour benches in

the House of Commons. I carry no brief for General Pinochet nor for any of the global fraternity of murderous and repressive rulers. But yesterday's decision that he can be extradited to Spain leaves no doubt that Europeans have resumed a quasi-imperial locus in holding Latin American rulers to account for their actions in office. The British Home Office regard General Pinochet like Garcia de Lovola, the first Governor of Chile in the 16th century. He was considered answerable not to those over whom he ruled but to the Government in Madrid. The list of those vulnerable to this new moral suzerainty may be an unattractive bunch: Gaddafi of Libya, Saddam of Iraq, Karadzic of Bosnia, and Milosevic of Yugoslavia. But this is a club anyone can join. From South Africa to Burma, from Chechnya to

The Empire has struck back, with

greater force and left-wing sermons

Northern Ireland, no sensible limit can now be set on man's right to judge another's inhumanity to man. Just as the civil law has recourse to the criminal when things go awry, so world human rights law has recourse to the State. If Jack Straw's decision on General Pinochet stands, half the embassies in Europe, and all the summit conferences, will be deluged with affidavits, subpoenas, lawyers and arrest warrants. Governments will have to take up positions, for fear of

seeming "partial to inhumanity". Those positions seem likey to embrace force. British troops in Bosnia are meant to be arresting suspects on behalf of The Hague War Crimes Tribunal. The mission statethe defence of Britain or her interests abroad, but whatever crisis appeals to the Prime Minister of the day as having "moral purpose". (How moral purpose allows the

bombing of cities

but not risking ground troops is beyond me.) The parallel of the new imperialism with its Victorian and Edwardian forebear is superficially close. The builders of the last British Empire carried a similar belief in the superiority of their values and in the duty of Europeans to impose them on a disorderly world. The generations that bred Brooke of Sarawak, Gordon of Khartourn and Milner's Cape Town "kindergarten" would have understood the incarceration in Europe of world rulers who misbehaved towards their peoples. As a form of imperial discipline, judicial inquiry was cheaper than gunboats. But they would also have applauded Mr Blair's Balkan adventure. Gladstone would have been ecstatic. As a former governor of Corfu, he would have cheered Lord

Hurd of Westwell's demand for a

Kosovan "protectorate", presuma-bly to be swiftly extended from

Bosnia to embrace Albania, Macedo-

nia and Montenegro.

What distinguishes the modern liberals from the Victorians is their reckless recourse to force, especially air power. It is as if, released from the enforced pacifism of the Cold War, they yearn to unleash their pent-up aggression against the sins of the world. The Victorians were at least confused over the relationship of missionary morality to the use of new weaponry. In her study of the psychology of Empire (Empire and

the English Charac-ter). Kathryn Tidrick tells how its administrators were taught that force indicated personal inadequacy. personal leadership were both the tion and its justification. "Not only did they have moral reservations about physical coercion," she writes, "but they believed that they were blessed with attributes of character which enabled them to prevail with-

out it." The legend of General Gordon partly depended on his refusing to carry arms. The fact that Brooke of Sarawak killed a thousand Borneo tribesmen at the battle of Batang Maru, with no British losses, or General Gordon killed 4,000 Chinese at Quinsan, losing just two men, was merely the "collateral

damage" of imperialism. In today's Baghdad and Belgrade, the "moral suasion" of European diplomacy was as ineffective as the deterrence value of aerial bombardment. But rather than admit failure difficult in a matter of "values not interests" — the British Cabinet felt obliged to administer the retributive punishment of a bombing campaign. It is true that in Kosovo, Nato seems intent on setting up a classic colony, as has the United Nations in Bosnia. During the Rwandan civil war, Africa's Kosovo, various European armies came close to interven-ing when, at the last minute, the

Tutsi irregulars cleansed the relevant areas for them. They thus relieved Europe of what would by now be an appalling immersion in the Congo morass. This narrow escape has deflected even the present British Cabinet from trying to police Africa's many other civil wars. White-on-white inhumanity presents a more immediate threat to "values" than black-on-black.

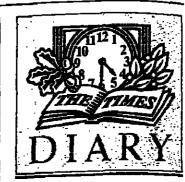
he liberal ideals to which I was educated were a reaction against the old paternalism of Empire. They were rooted in anti-colonialism, in the right of self-determination and in tolerating the wilder political antics of post-imperial states. Such liberalism led many on the British Left to ignore the new dictators in Africa and to oppose Suez, the Bay of Pigs and American aid to Saigon against Hanoi. The essence of this (old) world order was a respect for the right of sovereign nations to hell. Hence the UN Charter's "hands-off" approach to the internal affairs of member states. Hence, where civil wars erupted, the studiously non-violent ideology of nongovernment aid and the Red Cross.

This liberalism redefined that of the old Empire as that of guidance by example, co-operation and aid. This was suited to the Cold War and avoided the risk that military intervention might run out of control. Non-intervention was to be overruled only where the sanctity of borders and the stability of regions was blatantly breached, as in the Falklands and Kuwait. The norm was well demonstrated in Ethiopia in 1984-86, a humanitarian disaster resulting from a civil war worse than anything in Yugoslavia. Europe responded with massive, mostly private-sector aid. Hundreds of thousands of lives were saved. The Ethiopian intervention was private.

non-violent and productive. This liberalism appears to be dead. Involvement in overseas conflicts has been nationalised, seized by lawyers, politicians and soldiers marching under the banner of "values not interests". Kosovo is

their latest Mecca. The implications are awesome. The last British Empire was supposedly acquired in a fit of absent-mindedness. The next one is being acquired in a fit of morality. I do not know which is worse.

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Artistic booty

BRIAN SEWELL has suffered the curse of new homebuyers and been burgled. But as one of the country's most cherished art critics, the stolen possessions are somewhat grand. Sewell (below right) was divested of lifesize marble busts of John Locke (left) and Emperor Augustus and one in bronze of "an early 20thcentury Italian politician whose name I have forgotten". After living in Kensington for

three decades, the critic moved to Wimbledon six weeks ago. His objets d'art, which were uninsured. disappeared from his garden last Friday: "I am a victim of my own delusions of grandeur, I am afraid. I had demolished the garden gates to make way for the removal pantechnicons, making it perfectly easy to drive a lorry in and out."



ETON has made it easier for the Prince of Wales to telephone his sons. The school has changed its rules after pressure from parents to allow older pupils to switch their mobiles on outside classes.

■ WHY has one of Tony Blair's few experts on Slobodan Milosevic delayed publication of his insight into the Serb leader? Before taking over as the British Ambassador in Ireland this year, Ivor Roberts had served HMG's interests in Belgrade and became close to the

On his return to Britain, the Foreign Office high-flyer, who is involved in the Good Friday talks. spent a year at St Antony's College. Oxford, where he wrote a pamphlet on Milosevic. He wished to turn his words into a book, but now I hear his plans have been delayed.

Could this have something to do with allegations of pro-Serb sympathies made by members of Belgrade's opposition, who called him Roberts the Red? The BBC's The Ambassador, which again sees Pauline Collins playing our envoy in Dublin from this weekend, was never so interesting.

ON THE hustings in Leeds. Michael Portillo was asked to predict what gains the local Tories might make in next month's local elections: "I don't want to put a figure on it as I am now a private citizen — and people will ask what do I know about these things?"



THE Tory wives' club has been raided by the police. The Andrew Robson Bridge Club, whose patrons include Judith Mellor. Sandra Howard and Diana Rigg (below), had just moved to new premises in West London when local officers dropped by earlier this week to check on reports of an illegal gambling den.

But once they had popped their head into the club, which inspired scenes in Martha Meet Frank Daniel and Laurence, the police were quickly assured by Andrew Robson that the tip-off was completely spurious.

U AND non-u bends. At The Speciator party, I noticed that the bathroom door had been defaced What had begun as "toilet" was replaced with "lavatory", then "loo" and finally "bog". There was less lavatorial humour at Amanda Platell's party to mark her exit from the Editor's seat at the Sunday Express. After being given some flowers, William Hague's new aide asked: "If I throw this over my shoulder, will the person who catches it be the next one to get the sack?"

AT THE unveiling of his Internet booking service, Bob Geldof, the former Boomtown Rat. welcomed his guests in his unique style: "It shows how sad you all are coming to the launch of something as boring as an Internet site."

'From Agincourt to Alamein, the battle is won by the infantry. The cavalry are merely an ornament'

ombs cannot win a war on their own. They never have and they never will. There is a persuasive argument that Bomber Command's "strategic" bombing lengthened the last war by driving German resistance into backs-to-the-rubble desperation. "Immaculate coercion" is always a fantasy strategy. War means blood and damage. And in the end, the PBI (Poor Bloody Infantry) are sent in to hold the ground that the bombers have

rendered untenable. Aircraft and rockets have replaced the cavalry as the pampered jades of the battlefield. Cavalrymen used to wear the impossibly tight cherry-picking trousers and absurd plumes and silver spurs with flowerpots on their heads. The girls were supposed to fancy them, though the cavalry traditionally fancied nobody but themselves and their own sex. Today pilots wear the

space-age uniforms and give the celebrity interviews. Small boys used to fantasise about leading the charge. Today video games persuade them that it is possible to zap hostiles without getting hurt themselves.

Over Easter the little boys were playing something called Killeak the Blood. In your Stealth bomber pilot's power suit you have to explore seven underground mazes defended by hostile robots. There are seven SJ 107-compatible weapons, although you begin the mission with only one. Four of these use special ammunition. The others run off your suit's power supply. Hence they cease to function when your suit is down to auxiliary power." Little boys are brilliant at zapping and zooming controls. I have enough trouble mastering the peaceful computer that inspires only bloody thoughts, in order to write this. It

is just as well that I have no ambitions to play computer games. The robots would win.

There was an interesting paper at the Classical Association's meeting in Liverpool about why Ancient Athenians wanted to sign on for the cavalry, 1 should have guessed for social prestige or

in order to belong to the Cavalry Club. Not so. It was simpler than that. To sit on a horse reduced one's chance of being killed on the battlefield by a factor of at least ten. Of course, it increased one's chance of being kicked. bucked, bitten or farted to death. But it was still the strategy for

immaculate coercion. The cavalry have always seen themselves as the flower of the

battlefield. But they have seldom won a battle. The cavalry actions in which the

British take most pride were catastrophic defeats such as the charges of the Light and Heavy Brigades at Balaclava. The Scots Greys got their picture painted for their charge at Waterloo. But it was the Jocks they gave a

lift to on their stirrups who had to do the dirty work when the charging had to stop.

It was a cavalry officer with the brains of his mount who declared: "It must be accepted that the rifle, effective as it is, cannot replace the effect produced by the speed of the horse, the magnetism of the charge, and the terror of cold steel." He was Field Marshal Earl Haig. And a fat lot

of good his theory from behind the lines did for the footmen with trench feet at the Somme.

oadicea had a temporary success with her horses. Ancient British ladies and gentlemen used chariots to travel to battle and manoeuvre on the battlefield. But they dismounted before they fought. Have you ever tried to aim a spear from a chariot being driven over rough ground? The English in particular have always taken a pride in their cavairy. Or at any rate, the horse-owning squirish classes have. The saddle was the seat of prestige on the hunting field and supposed to be a symbol of the

best of British. But they never delivered on the battlefield. King Robert I of Scotland said of the English Army trotting into sight over the peat bogs: They glory in their warhorses and equipment. For

us the name of the Lord must be our hope of victory in battle. That was cited in John of Fordun's Chronica Gentis Scotorum, after Bannockburn. From Agincourt to Alamein, the battle is won by infantry. The cavalry are merely an ornament.

Some English battles may have been influenced by men on horses. But they were mostly in the Civil War, when the boneheads bounced on both sides. Great cavalry commanders, from Genghis Khan to Attila the Hun, are not inspiring examples. Pizarro and his Conquistadores conquered the Incas with cavalry, they say, Bernal Diaz del Castillo in The Conquest of New Spain, 1568, explained: "The Indians thought the horse and rider were one creature, for they had never seen them before." If you are serious about war, forget the horsemen and the pilots. Send for the Black Watch.

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DEFENDER OF BRITAIN

The Chancellor leads the fight for the Union

The writing is, allegedly, on Hadrian's Wall. The Union, which has served its constituent nations so well, is presumed to be unravelling. Scottish nationalism has already secured a devolved parliament and will shortly establish a powerful bridgehead within it. English nationalism is finding an increasingly articulate voice. The distance of Northern Irish politics from Westminster is being confirmed by the development of a new form of devolution. And the utility of all existing nation states is called into question by the new supranational order.

Yet those who forecast the end of Britain are guilty of letting separatist wishes be father to muddled thoughts. The case for Britishness is stronger than many allow. both in logic and the sentiments of all these islands' inhabitants. But no case is so strong that it does not need advocates, and no sentiment so durable that it does not require refurbishment. That is why Gordon Brown's speech on the New Britain yesterday was both welcome and wise.

The Chancellor is both chief executive and chief ideologist of this Government. He appreciates that the nation state has to adjust to the forces we have come to call "globalisation", international finance, the speed of technology, and the power of supranational institutions such as Nato. the WTO and the EU. The Chancellor. however, recognises that it has been through engagement with change, and involvement in the world, that the British genius has been defined. A rich trading past, a leading role in maintaining stability abroad and a national life increasingly enriched by different cultural influences have helped shape the character we recognise as British.

In that context the Chancellor is both historically and politically right to argue that the "the progressive response to global change is not to look inwards, to cut ourselves off, or in the face of profound change to retreat into factionalism". Mr Brown prefers to empower the citizen in a world which seems to rob him of roots by creating new rights and institutions in a modern British settlement. There may be concerns that some of his constitutional answers are still half-formed, but the sincerity of Mr Brown's attempts to reinforce British traditions is not in doubt.

Mr Brown's progressive response is also potentially popular. The Chancellor quoted polling evidence to suggest that Scots, Weish and English all broadly agree that the British derive benefits from working together. It is a pity that the poll the Chancellor quoted did not give the British people of Ulster the chance to assent, as they would have, to that sentiment. But the popularity of Britain is an eloquent reproof to those who wish to accelerate, separatist trends. The Chancellor could not admit that there are those in his own party who have encouraged separatism, partly by caricaturing Tory Unionism and occasionally by sharing a platform with nationalists. But the force of his new unionism is more than sufficient amends for brothers

who have not kept the solidarity principle. The Chancellor, as a godfather to devolution, recognises that it has provided a space which separatists will seek to exploit. It also creates a temptation for the unscrupulous to stoke perceived English resentments. Those who encourage the English to "take back" the money, or political representation, which Scotland and Wales enjoy risk the loss of something far more precious than subventions. England loses something of its character, the sense of fair play which the Chancellor identifies at its core, if it is driven in on itself. England has a better friend in Mr Brown than those who wrap themselves in the flag of St George. The Union now has a defender equal to the fight.

SWORD AND PEN

Truth is the only way to grapple with Serb falsehoods

The more Nato says about Wednesday's bombing of Kosovan Albanian refugees, the more confusing the picture becomes. No two accounts of this incident tally; nothing seems certain except that many civilians are dead, that a Nato error almost certainly caused some, at least, of these deaths and that the Pentagon's inordinately clumsy handling of the news when it first broke must have left Slobodan Milosevic weeping tears of joy.

Kenneth Bacon, the Pentagon spokesman, may have genuinely believed that Nato aircraft were not responsible. But he could not have been certain. The pilots in action over Kosovo that day had not yet been debriefed. He did the credibility of the Alliance nothing but harm by alleging that Serb forces had done the killing themselves to embarrass Nato. Since he had no evidence of that either, this disastrously gave the impression that Nato might stoop to the black propaganda at which the Milosevic regime excels. When horrendous photographs of mangled corpses were being flashed round the world, the only sensible response would have been to promise a speedy Nato investigation.

Some of those facts remain elusive. Yesterday Jamie Shea, the spokesman for Nato's Secretary-General, admitted, with 'deep regrets', that a Nato aircraft had hit a civilian vehicle on the road between the Kosovan towns of Prizren and Djagovica, in a convoy which "may" also have contained Serb police or military vehicles. But Nato's military spokesman, General Giuseppe Marani, then said that the strike was against a three-vehicle convoy of green vehicles, not the red tractors shown to have been hit, and that it was on a different road, northwest of Djakovica. Other Nato sources suggested that there were indeed two convoys, on the same road, and that Nato had hit the wrong one. This all contrasts uncomfortably with the speed with which Nato appears able to provide full reports, with cockpit videos, on its

successful missions. Belgrade's version does not tally, either, with what is known. Its assertion that these were civilians being escorted "home" is hardly compatible with statements by survivors, or with detailed reports from Nato pilots that the whole area was studded with villages that had just been set ablaze.

But this makes it all the more imperative that Nato swiftly comes up with a coherent account. Otherwise, this single tragic incident could impair trust in the veracity of its information. That would be collateral damage of huge consequence.

Democracies at war must be seen to treasure truth. That must include a rigorous respect among politicians for the independence of the media, even when its reporting is not to their liking. In Belgrade, Western reporters are to some extent working within a hostile propaganda machine. They are operating under the close surveillance of a regime that, with the assassination of the stalwart Serb editor Slavko Curuvija, has just given fresh proof of its readiness to kill Serbia's own messengers. When Serb civilians are interviewed for television, they know that their words are monitored by the secret police; Serb bomb reports will be chosen for their propaganda value. All film from Belgrade therefore requires the health warning that the broadcasters give it.

That in no way excuses Downing Street's whispering campaign against the BBC's John Simpson and other British journalists reporting from Serbia, whom it accuses of parroting Serb propaganda. What they report is a matter for them and their editors, who may well judge that, however untrue, it is right to record what the Milosevic regime is saying. Politicians never appear weaker than when they betray nervousness about enemy propaganda. Snide attempts at news management can look like covert censorship. On this front, and this alone, the Prime Minister should order an immediate ceasefire.

PRONE MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The Deputy Prime Minister needs to sharpen up his act

John Prescott's matinee performance descended into black comedy on Wednesday afternoon. The Deputy Prime Minister's attempt at answering Prime Minister's Questions left many wondering how he manages to keep the role of Tony Blair's understudy. Mr Prescott's parliamentary crime goes beyond his customary cruelty to syntax. Prime Minister's Question Time is the legislature's opportunity to hold the executive to account. Mr Prescott's debacle was not merely contemptuous of that process, but exposed a startling ignorance at the heart of Government.

In the Commons cockpit, calling General Mladic "Motherditch" would be a forgivable offence in peacetime, let alone war. Yet the MP for Hull East did not find only words difficult. A question about the European withholding tax baffled the Deputy Prime Minister, whose answer referred to the poll tax. A query about class sizes provoked a spurious response. When challenged by the interrogator, Mr Prescott petulantly snapped: 'That is the answer he is going to get." As the agony neared its end. Mr Prescott observed that "the voice" of the Commons should be "good language, sane language and common sense". Sadly, he displayed none of them.

Previous performers might pity Mr Prescott's plight. Every past Prime Minister has admitted nervousness before this gruelling parliamentary inquisition, some even needing a stiff drink. Yet Prime Ministers - and Mr Prescott - are briefed by a platoon of advisers, who spend hours preparing answers to awkward questions. Aided by these crack civil servants, Richard Crossman wrote how the man who "is running the executive has to be there at the dispatch box, and has to fight the contender for power". On Wednesday

Mr Prescott, an ex-boxer, fought himself. Little evidence now remains of the Deputy Prime Minister's rout. The Hansard reporters deciphered his garbled words and recorded his humiliation as the Speaker calling "Order". Benjamin Disraesurvived a similar ordeal during his maiden speech, ending it with the flourish "I will sit down now, but the time will come when you will hear me". The next time Mr Prescott stands up at the dispatch box. deputising for the Prime Minister, he must be sure he is ready to be heard.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The 'dangerous' policies of SNP

From Mr Drummond Hunter

Sir, It is time to call a halt to the Scottish National Party's blatant mis-use of the phrase "independence for Scotland"

Scotland has never been anything other than an independent nation. Over the last 300 years it has chosen to work in partnership with England. Shared sovereignty of this kind and, perhaps, in particular, conditionally shared sovereignty, is something that the nationalists cannot conceive of. For them independence means a suicidal separatism.

It is crucially important that the Scottish electorate is fully aware that the current election is a battle between an independent Scotland which recognises that building bridges is the way forward and which aims to strengthen and renew its partnership with England (a partnership which has given the world both law and democracy) and an independent Scotland which sees its future in separatism, ie, in working with (or against) England across an international frontier.

It was always a monumental gaffe to effect the current constitutional revolution under the rubric of "de-volution". As Earl Russell pointed out in The Scotsman (July 19, 1996), devolution amounts to the "annexation of Scotland by England", and is, accordingly, an unforgivable consti-

What is now afoot in the real world. inevitably and perfectly properly, is the renegotiation of the 1707 Act of

Yours etc. DRUMMOND HUNTER, 17 Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 5LB.

From Mr James W. Finlay

Sir. It is the perversity of politics that while 75 per cent of the UK citizens living in Scotland do not wish to see the break-up of the UK, their mem-bership of three different Unionist parties, competing for their votes, could result in victory for the SNP and all its dangerous policies.

Political parties are composed of politically ambitious members who could be reluctant to see their votes being invested long-term in tactical voting. It could be that the national overall party support would not be distorted much if the strongest challenger to the SNP received the overwhelming support of the antinationalists.

But unless the overriding objective of the voter is to destroy the nation-alists, once and for all, we could dreamwalk into disaster. The patriotic voter must put country before party with the sole objective of saving the Union by tactical voting.

Yours faithfully. JAMES W. FINLAY, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas DG7 2DR.

Refugee tragedy

From Brigadier Johnny Rickett

Sir, Having experienced a "Blue on Blue" in the Falklands war, the parlance for bombing or shooting your own side, it saddens me dreadfully that Nato HQ has now to spend countless hours investigating "a mis-

take" (reports, April 15).
Politicians and everyone else must realise that war is a horrible thing. and once unleashed, mistakes inevitably happen. In war nothing is certain and the lesson for those of faint hearts is to stand firm through unpleasantness as redemption will

Yours sincerely, JOHNNY RIČKETT. Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, SEI 8UJ.

From Mr N. F. Maton

Sir. Your front-page photograph this morning of an injured woman lying amid rubble goes beyond the boun-

daries of photographic journalism.

We honour the dignity of victims of road accidents and crime. Why should the victims of war be any Yours faithfully,

N. F. MATON 253 Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 ISJ. April 15.

From Mr David Green

Sir, Nations declare war. Alliances mostly exist for mutual defence.

Humanitarian interests apart, Nato is seeking to protect itself against invasion by the best part of a million refugees forcibly and deliberately driven from their homeland by their own Government. Its object is to see those refugees safely back in that homeland.

Attack is sometimes the best means of defence. Against Milosevic's Serbia it is now the only available means. But those such as the Reverend Giles Hunt (letter, April 15) who seek legal niceties in what are only the latest aspects of this tragedy should first remember how it started.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN. Rhyd yr Harding. Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest SA62 5EJ.

Legal rights for the mentally ill It is a scandal that such a situation

has been tolerated for so long.

Despite several years when mental

health has been top of the stated

priorities of the NHS, and after a

series of action plans by successive

governments, these problems remain.

the hands of those who need it most.

by giving people with severe mental illness and their carers legal rights to

good standards of care and treatment.

health law comes up only once in a

generation. We call for that oppor-

tunity to be taken. Rights to care and treatment should form the founda-

Chief Executive, National Schizophrenia Fellowship,

tions of the new Act.

KAREN CAMPBELL,

Chief Executive, Manic Depression Fellowship,

Chief Executive, MACA (Mental After Care Association).

National Schizophrenia Fellowship, 30 Tabernacle Street, EC2A 4DD.

Yours sincerely.

CLIFF PRIOR,

GIL HITCHON.

The opportunity to influence mental

The solution is to place the power in

From the Chief Executive of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship and others

Sir, The Government has ordered a review of the Mental Health Act. In their public statements, ministers have emphasised the concern that a small number of people with severe mental illness may stop taking medi-cation and suffer relapse. They have proposed powers of compulsory treatment in the community as a response.

Those who use mental health services, their families, and professionals in the front line all know that this is not the main problem with the current

The real failing is that too often people cannot get decent care and treatment, nor help in a crisis, which could prevent the need for compulsion in the first place. For too many people the experience of severe mental illness is to seek help with increasing des-peration, to be turned away time and again, until finally a crisis is reached which demands compulsory intervention, often in traumatic circumstances, and frequently with police involvement.

Pinochet extradition

From the Director of Public Prosecutions

Sir, Extradition arrangements between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom are governed by the European Convention on Extradition.

Spain is represented by the Crown Prosecution Service in extradition proceedings in our domestic courts, as are other countries, in accordance with longstanding, reciprocal arrangements. Lord Justice Glidewell described the nature of the CPS's role in 1994 when he emphasised that, in relation to extradition proceedings. the Director of Public Prosecutions "is not to be regarded as the prosecutor. but as a lawyer acting on behalf of a foreign dient".

The reference in your leading article today, "Straw's list", to "Mr Straw's own Crown Prosecution Service" is fundamentally misleading, as Government is ... actually pursuing the General on its own account. Both I and the CPS are entirely

is the suggestion that the role of the CPS demonstrates that "the British

independent of the Home Secretary. The role of the CPS in this matter has been throughout to act on behalf of Spain. This has inevitably included advising Spain about the implications of the House of Lords ruling on March 24, 1999.

A number of parties made representations to the Home Secretary. The additional material submitted for his consideration by the CPS was submitted on behalf of Spain. That is the only proper basis on which the material could have been submitted by the

Yours faithfully, DAVID CALVERT-SMITH, Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service, 50 Ludgate Hill, EC4M 7EX. April 15.

Children and alcohol

From the Director of The Portman Group

Sir. There will be an excellent opportunity in the House of Commons on Friday, April 16 for some joined-up thinking to be translated into legislation.

I hope that Members of Parliament will break with tradition and delay their weekend return to their constituencies so that they can sup-port the second reading of Christine McCafferty's Licensing (Young Persons) Bill.

The Bill is designed to curb undesirable access to alcohol by children by closing a legal loophole so that employees in licensed premises - not just the licensee - would break the law if they served alcohol to children: creating a new offence of "proxy pur-chase", where someone over 18 buys permitting the police and trading standards officers to conduct "test purchases" where retailers are sus-pected of selling alcohol to children. Unusually for a Private Member's Bill at this early stage, this Bill has attracted backing from Members on all

alcohol on behalf of a child (this is

already an offence in Scotland); and

sides of the House, as well as a formidable consensus of support from the police, local authorities, magistrates and the drinks industry. I hope there will be enough MPs who realise that, on this Friday at

least, staying in the House will be the best way they can represent their constituents' interest.

Yours faithfully, JEAN COUSSINS, Director, The Portman Group, 2d Wimpole Street, WIM 7AA. April 14.

Millennium avarice

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, I see that we are to be bugged by millennium avarice as much as by computer failure (report, "Computer staff to top new year pay bonanza". April (2).

It seems that New Year's Eve 1999 not, as a few of us know, the last day of the millennium - is to be marked by people demanding huge sums of money to work instead of getting plastered.

Is there no organisation taking the names of those who will jump at the chance of avoiding all mention of the pseudo-celebration by either volunteering to help in hospitals and other needy institutions or by finding a country retreat pledged to offer no

mention of the event?
Failing that, I shall have to retire to a locked, barred and soundproofed room for relief from the inevitable misplaced hype and hysteria to which the media - no doubt yourselves included - will submit us.

Yours faithfully, BARRY HYMAN, 4 Priory View, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire WD2 3QZ. barry@booshie.demon.co.uk

A proper pride

From Mr Norman Jones

Sir, I would never have dreamt of questioning my late father-in-law's patriotism [letters, April 10 and 15]; he always marked St George's Day by planting out his tomatoes.

Yours sincerely NORMAN JONES, The Ridgeway, ibstone Road, Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire HP14 2XR. April II.

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A lot of hot air

From Mr Richard Normington

Sir, "As you may already be aware, the centrepiece of this office's public information campaign for the Euroelections is a full-size hot air balloon .", says a letter circulated by the European Parliament's British branch. Hot air? European Parliament? Someone lacks an irony chip in their data bank.

The balloon is supposed to encourage people to vote but the office insists Our presence, of course ... will be strictly non-partisan". This can't be right. Considering the gusts of hot air coming from the Labour majority in Strasbourg - who failed to purge the Euro Commission last year when all the facts were known - there can be no doubt that the balloon represents them almost perfectly. Unless, of course, the balloon's support vehicles will be carrying red tape to tether it on landing.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD NORMINGTON (Conservative Prospective European Parliamentary Candidate. West Midlands), 10 Greenfield Crescent, Edgbaston, Birmingham BI5 3AU.

Age of consent

From Mr George Barbour

Sir, There is only one way to confront unjust laws (report, "Peers block gay sex at 16 - again", later editions, April 14: letters, April 6, 10 and 13), and that is by civil disobedience.

I would, therefore, call on all 16 and 17-year-old gay men openly to declare their sexual relationships, in writing. to the police and challenge them to

Such a mass protest could be organised by a responsible pressure group such as Stonewall, and any resultant prosecutions should be taken to the European Court of Human Rights, in whose charter equality of the sexes is enshrined.

Yours sincerely. GEORGE BARBOUR. 55 Onslow Square, SW7 3LR. April 14.

Price of shopping at the superstores

From Mr Andrew Sadler

Sir. Your headline today asks: "Are

superstores cheating you?" In the 12 months of 1998 my family of two adults and two children spent £4,330.13 on supermarket items, of which £3,252.66 was at one of the "big

Following a television programme last autumn on pricing, I started to buy potatoes from a farm shop and switched my main expenditure to a discount store (Lidl). We still have to go to one of the major chains for some

For the three months January to March our savings have been 34 per cent, 45 per cent and 53 per cent respectively. From this, our projected saving for the year 1999 is £1,909.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW SADLER, 21 Chestnut Street. Lincoln LN1 3HB. asadler@globalnet.co.uk April 9.

Making a packet

From Mrs Eira Harris

Sir, I see that the country's richest businessman makes packaging for the food industry ("Britain's top 10", April 12). Am I right to believe that many of the country's poorest businessmen produce the food that's placed inside this packaging?

Yours faithfully. EIRA HARRIŚ. Ffosyficer Farm, Abercych, Boncath, Pembrokeshire SA37 OEU.

Business and the Bard

From Miss C. J. V. Picton Phillipps Sir, It is true that Shakespeare can

provide lessons on how to survive in business (Alan Hamilton's report, April 7). As a client of a small firm of personal investment managers based in East Lothian, I regularly receive

articles written by Victor Wood, one of its directors, on a variety of subjects not necessarily connected with investment. Each article is headed by a quotation from the works of Shakespeare. I am told that the quotation is chosen (with the aid of a concordance) after the completion of the manu-

script, and that in the ten years over

which the articles have been written a

brief period of research has never

failed to yield a passage which hits the nail on the head precisely. "It is like a barber's chair that fits Il buttocks" (All's Well that Ends

Well, II, ü). C. J. V. PICTON PHILLIPPS, 4 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh EH8 9BH. April S.

Marbles in the gutter

From Mr John R. Hart

Sir, I was delighted to see the term tor" used for a marble (letters, March 27 and April 8) as I had not come across it since my boyhood in British India. We also called them "alleys".

Our style was to crouch with thumb

on the ground and the marble loaded against the tip of the middle finger. This finger was then bent back, like a tiny mangonel, and the tor sent twanging away at its target.

Games varied. One involved a circle with marbles in it. Each lad tried in turn to knock them out to win.

If his tor stayed in the circle he for-

feited it. Another game involved a

hole, or dub. usually set against a slope, so that mis-shots might roll back in and be lost. Winning meant knocking in the other lads' marbles (or, sometimes, walnuts). Girls never played. I am, Sir, in reminiscent mood. Very truly yours.

II Mountview, Mill Hill, NW7 3HT.

From Mr J. M. Gelsthorpe

JOHN HÁRT,

Sir, Mr Edward Wilcock (letter. March 27) is right about the need for an uneven surface to play marbles. Ten years ago, at Leigham Junior School in north Plymouth, the signifi-

cantly named "pitsies" was played constantly, despite darkness and the caretaker. When the playground was resurfaced the game vanished abruptly

and finally. Yours faithfully, J. M. GELSTHORPE, 6 Willowby Park. Yelverton, Devon PL20 6AN.

High romance

April 11.

From Mr Frederick O. Marsh

Sir, Who says that romance and chivalry are dead?

I have just heard of a pilot who proposed to his future wife in a glider, over the top of a loop. He lowered a wing, so that he was down on one

Yours sincerely, FREDERICK O. MARSH (Vice-President. The Royal Aero Club). 36 Edwardes Square, W8 6HH. April 14.





COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 15: The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh gave a Dinner Party this The following were invited: His Excellency the Ambassador of Spain and Seriora de Aza, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cameroon and Madame Libock, the Reverend Dr and Mrs

Ivor Jones, the Baroness Blackstone. Sir Timothy and the Lady Mary Colman, Sir Richard and Lady Wilson, Sir Michael Bishop, Mr Trevor Nunn and Miss Imogen Stubbs, Mr and Mrs William Packet. Mr Stewart Purvis, the Reverend Canon and Mrs John Ovenden and Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Jonathan Bourne-Mey. ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 15: The Prince of Wales today visited Great Manchester where he Lord-Lieutenant of Creater Manche ter (Colonel John Timmins).

His Royal Highness, as Patron of the Manchester Grammar School Foundation Bursary Appeal, this morning visited the school at Fallowfield, where he met staff and students. The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Ducie High School, Moss Side, where he met staff and pupils and, as President of Business in the Community, attended a discussion on

Community. Supervice a miscussian on business mentoring in schools. His Royal Highness, Parrot. Cas-tle Howard Arboretum Trust, after-wards visited Castle Howard and met present and future supporters of the Trust.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, this morning attended Critic Hearth, this morning attended their Spring Meeting at the Universi-ty of York, Hestington, North York-shire and was received by Colonel E.C. York (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire). Her Royal Highness, this after-

Today's royal

engagements The Prince of Wales will under take engagements in West York-

The Princess Royal will visit Si Magnus Cathedral, Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, at 11.25; will open the Pickaquoy Centre at noon; and as president, Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Orkney branch at the rugby football club, at 3.05.

Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron. ation, will open the new centre in Restairig Road South, Lochend, Edinburgh, at 1.00; as patron, Home-Start, will visit the Clackmannanshire Scheme, 6 Marshill, Alloa, at 3.00; and as deputy president, will visit the British Red Cross Shop at 17 Maple Court, Shillinghill, Alloa, at 4.00. For more details about the Royal

Family visit the royal website at: www.royal.gov.uk Memorial

service Mr Charles Beattie, QC A memorial service for Mr Charles Beatile, QC, was held yesterday in the Chapel of Lin-coln's Inn. Canon William Norman. Preacher, officiated.

Sir John Balcombe, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, read the lesson address.

Service dinners Westmioster Dragoous

General Sir Jeremy Blacker, Hon-orary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry and the Westminster Dragoons, presided at the annual dinner of the Westminster Dragoons Officers' dining club held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. University of Wales Air

Squadron. Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, Patron of the University of Wales Air Squadron, and Professor

land and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland (Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas The Princess Royal, later opened Voluntary Action Rutland's Volunteer Centre at Barleythorpe Road, Oakham, Rudand

noon opened The Rutland Family Support Centre at The Parks School, Barleythorpe Road, Oakham, Rut-

Her Royal Highness then present ed a traditional horseshoe, requested of Peers of the Realim, to the Lord of the Manor at Oakham Castle, Oa-

kham, Rutland. The Princess Royal, Patron, The Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped), this evening attended a Dinner at II Hill Street, Westmin-KENSINGTON PALACE April 15: The Duke of Gloucester this

norming departed from Warsaw for Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon attended a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Cente-nary of The League of St Bartholom-ew's Nurses in the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great and after-wards attended a Reception in the Great Hall, West Smithfield, London ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 15: The Duke of Kent, this morning visited the new Royal Opera

House.
His Royal Highness, President,
The All England Lawn Tennis &
Croquet Club, this evening attended
the Annual Dinner at the Institute of Directors. Pall Mall, London. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 15: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the 20th Reumon Dinner of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at the Headquarters of the Honourable

Birthdays today The Queen of Denmark celebrates

her 59th birthday today. Lord Aberconway, 85; the Rev Keith Angus, former domestic chaplain to the Queen, 70; Miss Jenny Bacon, Director-General, Health and Safety Executive, 54; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 66; Lord Camoys, 59; Sir Douglas Frank, QC, former Deputy Judge of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, 83; Miss Lynne Franks, public relations consultant, 51; Sir John Harvey-Jones, former chair-man, ICI, 75; Mr Michael Hirst, former Chief Constable, Leicester-shire, 61; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, 75; Mr Richard Lawrence, Editor, Leading Notes, 53; Professor Margaret Maden, educationist, 59; Miss Ruth Ma-doc, actress, 56; Mr P.I. Marshall, former chairman, Ocean Group, 72: Miss Conchita Martinez, tennis player, 27; Mr Spike Milligan, author and cornedian, 81; Sir Geoffrey Owen, former Editor, Financial Times, 65; Mr Martin Owen, former chief executive, NatWest Markets, 53; Mr W. George Purdy, Chief Scout, 57; Judge Rant, QC, Judge Advocate General, 63; Sir John Robson,

educationist, 73; Sir Peter Ustinov,

actor, dramatist and film director, 78; Sir Frank Williams, managing

Keith Robbins, Senior Vice-Chan-

cellor of the University of Wales,

were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the University of

Wales Air Squadron held last right at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader Andy Cairneross, Officer

Commanding, presided. Among

Officers present were:
Air Vice-Manshal Eric Macey, the Chief
Executive of the Defence Avanton Repair
Agency, the Air Officer Wales, the Director of
Support Management I Logistics Command,
the Secretary General of the University of
Wales, the Founcing and Chief Executive of
the University of Wales Institute, Caroliff, and
academic staff from Abrystwyth Bangor,
Caroliff, Ghanargam, Lampater, Newport and
Swansea.

others present were:

Engineering, 57.

Robinson, QC, wardens, presided at the spring court dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. During the dinner the Master presented the Gardeners' Company prizes to students from the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, Capel Manor College, the Royal former diplomat, 69; Miss Con-stance Shacklock, opera singer, 36; Dr W.T. Stearn, botanist, 88; Horticultural Society, Wisley and Wye College. Mr Adrian Barnes, imbrancer of the City of Professor Barbara Tizard, FBA. London, and Mr Edward Wright

Dinners

All England Club

among the guests.

The Duke of Kent, President of the

All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, was in the chair at

the annual dinner held last night at the Institute of Directors. Mr

John Curry, chairman, Mr Jimmy Hill and Mr Sebastian Coe also

Seasons Hotel, Park Lane, on April 15. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MBE,

MP, was the Guest of Honour.

During the evening, the 1999 Japan Society Awards were pre-sented to Lady Knill, Secretary of the Donnington Grove Society for Anglo-Japanese Cultural Ex-

change, and Mr James Howat, former Chairman of Morrison Bowmore, in recognition of their

outstanding work in the field of

Gardeners' Company Mr N.A. Chalmers, Master of the

Gardeners' Company, assisted by Canon P. Delaney and Mr Vivian

Anglo-Japanese relations.

Chester Business Club of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, Mr Martin Seed, club chairman, presided. Mrs Sarah Samuels and Mr

Bob Clough-Parker, club secretary, also spoke. **Durham Castle Society**

Former students of University College, Durham attended the 53rd annual reunion dinner of the Durham Castle Society in the Great Hall of Durham Castle on Saturday, March 27, 1999. The new Master, Professor Maurice E. Tucker, presided, and the toast to the college was proposed by Mr

DEATHS

Gallery in London. The exhibition, which opens today, shows how an artist looks at a model, how his hands reproduce what he sees and how he looks at the finished result. It uses models, paintings and equipment such as the eye-tracker, a special camera which reveals the precise focus of an artist's gaze School news

Humphrey Ocean, a portrait painter, using an eye-tracker at The Painter's Eye exhibition at the National Portrait

Dean Close School Trinity Term has begun. Bradley Mears is Captain of Cricket and Katrina Blampied is Captain of Girls Tennis. The U14 Boys XI will play in the RAF Careers Hockey Youth Cup National Final at Milton Keynes on April 25. At Prize-Giving on May 29 the Guest of Honour will be Mr Frank Field.

The Institution of Civil Engineers Sir Alastair Morton, chairman of the shadow Strategic Rail Authority, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the MP, and Dr John Lennox will preach at the Service of Commemo-Institution of Civil Engineers held ration of Benefactors. In the Bacon Theatre Arcadia will be presented on May 21 and 28 and Music for a last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Roger Sainsbury, president, was in the chair and Mr Robbie Glen also Summer Evening on June 12. Term ends on July 2, with the OD Gaudy spoke. The High Commis for Bangladesh and the High Commissioner for Pakistan were on July 3. Opecoswood School The Japan Society
The Annual Dinner of the Japan
Society was held at the Four

The Summer Term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, April 18, with Beth Atterwill as Head Girl and Susannah Groves as Deputy Head Girl. Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 8, at 10.45am, the service being conducted by the Bishop of St Albans and the Rev G. Rogers. The Queenswood Ball will be held on Saturday, June 26; further details are available from the school. Speech Day is on Saturday, July 3. Full details of this term's music programme can be obtained from the Music DepartElmslie Girls' School

Elmslie Girls' School
The opening of the Oakdene
Science and Rainbow ICT Suites
by Sir David Harrison, CBE,
FEng, Master of Selwyn College,
Cambridge, will take place today.
Events this term include: the Old
Girls' Reunion Lunch, May 8, and a Service to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Chapel's conse cration with the Bishop of Knazes-borough, the Right Rev Frank Weston, May 28. (Details from School 01253 7637751 The Godolphin and Latymer

Former members of the school community - parents, staff and girls are invited to join the newly formed Friends of G&L. There will be a Launch Party in June. Please contact the school on 0181 741 1936.

Thetock Place School
Thetock Place School is holding a celebration lunch today to receive the 'Investor in People' Award from Mr Ian Parkes, Chairman of AZTEC. The summer term starts on Monday, April 19, Charlie Barr and Sarah Edwards are Heads of School. Speech Day takes place on Thursday, July 1, 1999, when the Guest Speaker will be Mr R.M.J. Lyne, UK Permanent Representa-tive to the Office of the United

Church news

The Rev Stefanie Hodges, Assistant Curate, Croydon Christ Church (Southwark): to be Assistant Curate, Sutton St Nicholas (same diocese). The Rev Brian Hyder-Smith, Cu-

rate. Whittlesey. Pondersbridge and Coates (Ely): has been appointed Team Vicar, same benefice. The Rev Alan Isaacson, Curate, Kimberworth St Thomas (Sheffield): to be Team Vicar, Brinsworth w Catcliffe and St Mary w The Rev Rosalind Lane Assistant

Curate Huddersfield St Peter and All Saints and sushstitute Chap-lain, HMP New Hall (Wakefield): to be Assistant Chaplain, HMP Doncaster (Sheffield). The Rev Alan Middleton, Vicar, Upper Norwood All Saints (South-

wark): to be Team Rector, Warlingham, continuing as Croydon Arch-deaconry Ecumenical Adviser (same diocese). The Rev David Moore, Vicar, Ham St Andrew (Southwark): to

be Priest-in-Charge, Rothbury (Newcastle). The Rev Margaret Moore, Team Vicar, Great Baddow with special responsibility for St Paul (Chehris-

ford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Wood-ham Mortimer w Hazeleigh and Mootharn Walter (same diocese).
The Rev David Morphy, Depuny
Headmaster, Stourport High
School, and Honorary Curate, Ribbesford w Bewdley and Dowles (Worcester): to be Diocesan Direc-tor of Education (same diocese). The Rev Kenneth Reeves, permission to officiate (Norwich): to be part-time Priest-in-Charge, Laken-ham St Mark w Trowse (same

Rev John Richardson, Cha lain, University of East London and Honorary Curate, Stratford St John and Christ Church and St James (Chelmsford) has been an pointed full time stipendiary cu-rate of the same benefice. The Rev Janice Scott, Curate, Eaton (Norwich): to be Priest-in-Charge, Pulham Market Pulham

St Mary, and Starston, Dickle-burgh w Langmere and Shim-pling, Thelveton w Frenze and Rushall (same diocese). The Rev Maurice Slattery, NSM Niton St Lawrence and Whitwell (Portsmouth): has been appointed Honorary Curate, Selsdon St John with St Francis (with special responsibility for Selsdon St Fran-

Receptions

The Duchess of Gloucester attended a reception held yesterday in the Great Hall at the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew after a Service of Thanksgiving in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, to cele-brate the centenary of the foundation of The League of St Bartholom-ew's Nurses. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached the sermon.

Lord Wise Lord Wise entertained the Welsh Trust for the Prevention of Abuse at a reception held last night at the House of Lords. The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London was among

Meeting
France-British Society

Sir Michael Jay, HIM Ambassado to France, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Franco-British Society held yesterday at the RAF Club. Lord Strabolej, vice-president, was in the chair. Sir John Fretwell, chairman, also

Luncheons

HM Government The Secretary of State for Defence was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Dr János Szabó, Hungarian Minister for Defence.

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor-ess of London were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster at City Hall yesterday. Among others present were: Mr Sheriff and Mrs Brian Harris, Air Vice-Murshal Michael I Dicken, Colonel D E A Tucker, Mgr Googe Saack, the Lord Mayor of Westminster Designate and the Chief Recutive of the International Under-writing Association of Lordon.

Society of Apothecaries

Professor Salvador Moncada, FRS, has been presented with the Society of Apothecaries of London Galen Medal.

Latest wills

Mr Edgar Hugh Withers, of Old Kea, Truro, Cornwall, left estate valued at £2,961,047 net. Mr Arthur Reginald Cox Marler,

of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucester-shire, left estate valued at EL025,581 net. Mr Frank Worsford McClena-ghan, of Highelere, Newbury, left estate valued at EL58667 net. Betty Mudd, of Guishorough, Cleveland, left estate valued at £1.574,996 net.

The League of St Bartho

Earlier a luncheon was held in the Old Library, Guildhall.

Mr T.D.P.C. Micrs and Miss D.E. Gray

and Miss L.C.A. Stauley

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Perrett, of Hale. Cheshire. and Victoria daughter of Mr Roy Morris, DL, and Mrs Morris, of Formby. Mersevside.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss S.J. Bailey The engagement is announced between Charlie, only son of the late Mr Keith Blackburn and of Mrs Elizabeth Blackburn, of Hurley, Berkshire, and Serena, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs David Bailey, of East Meon,

Captain M.A. Clayton

Mr C.J. Blackburt

and Miss LA Mechan The engagement is announced between Manhew son of Mr and Mrs Alan Claxton, of Farningham. Kent, and Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mechan, of Milford, Derbyshire.

Mr P. Cooper and Miss E.A. Mead

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Cooper, of Gravesend, Kent, and Liz, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Bernard Mead, of Corfe Mullen, Dorset. Mr J. Cunningham

and Miss R.P. Lethborg The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Cunningham, of Camberley, Surrey, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lethborg, of Papamoa, New

Zealand.

Mr O.C. Hudson and Miss C.J. Lindley he engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Mr Richard Hudson, of Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Mrs Judi Lurie, of Anlaby, East Yorkshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Lindley, of Knaresborough. North Yorkshire.

Mr N.G. Lloyd and Miss M.E.C. Scowen The engagement is announced herween Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Lloyd, of Stoke by Clare, Suffolk, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Scowen, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr W.J. Micklethwait und Miss A.E. Bernard

The engagement is announced between Williams, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Micklethwait. of Preston Hall, Rutland, and Alicia. elder daughter of Sheila Lady Bernard, of London SW3, and Sir Dallas Bernard. Bt. of 106 Cheyne Walk, London SW10.

and Miss D.E. Gray
The engagement is announced
between Torn, younger son of Sir
David and Lady Miers, of London,
and Diana, eldest daughter of Mrs
Jaca Crawford and stepdaughter
of Mr George Crawford, of Gifford,
East Lothian. Mr J.B. Milne

Mrs Kenneth Milne, of Blandford Dorset, and Louisa, daughter of Mr Peter Stanley, of Candall, Yorkshire, and Gunilla Grafin Douglas, of 31 The Little Boltons, London. Mr S.J.W. Perrett

and Miss V.L. Morris

Captain R.E.L. Pittman and Miss I.M. Drinkall The engagement is announced between Captain Rupert Pittman, The Queen's Royal Lancers, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Pittman.

of Poyntington. Dorset, and Isabel younger daughter of Commander and Mrs B.W. Drinkall, of Merriou, Somerset.

Mr M.R. Paviour and the Hon Lorna Weir

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Brigadier and Mrs Andrew Paviour, of Broughton, Hampshire, and Loma, daughter of Viscount Weir, of Rodinghead. Ayrshire. and Mrs Brian Johnson, of London and

Mr N.W.R. Shakespeare

and Miss G.K. Johnson The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Shakespeare, of Sunon Mandeville, Wiltshire, and Gillian daughter of the late Dr and Mrs George Johnson, of Winnipee Canada.

Mr P.K. Skinner and Miss A.P. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Captain and Mrs Antony Skinner, of Winchester, and Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edgar Phillips, of Knowle.

Mr N.F. Wass and Miss R.L. Williams The engagement is announced between Niall, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wass, of Kenya and Clapham, London, and Rebecca, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Stafford

Williams, of Wimbledon, London. Mr C.A.F. Weir

and Miss J.C. Agliomby The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Arthur Weir and the late Mrs Andrina Weir, and stepson of Mrs Penny Weir, and Julia, daughter of His Honour and Mrs Francis Aglionby.

Mr M.O.S. West and Miss B.J. Knight The engagement is announced between Matt. elder son of Mr Neil West, of Phoenix. Arizona, and Mrs Susan West, of Bromley, and Bridget, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Knight, of Itchen

Marriages Mr P.F. Alien and Miss E.V. Western

The marriage of Mr Philip Allen and Miss Emma Western took niace in Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, April 10. The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Revd Robert Hardy, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father. Canon Robert Western, was attended by Mrs Katie Tribe, Miss Amy Gardner and Ottilia Tribe. Mr Charles Gozzard was best man.

Mr LN. Kirton and Miss T.L.O. Glen

in the Grenadines.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Nicolas Church. Forest Hill, of Mr lan Kirton to Miss Tara Glen. The Rev Dr William The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Nicholas Woods

was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the boneymoon is being spent sailing

Henry Fuseli, painter and writer, London, 1825; Francesco de Goya.

painter, Bordeaux 1879 Marie

exhibition, London, 1850; Alexis

Charles de Tocqueville, historian,

Cannes, 1859; St Bernadette of

Tussaud, founder of the waxwork

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Montagu, Earl of Halifax, statesman, President of the Royal Society 1695-98, Horton, Northamptonshire, 1661; Sir. John Franklin, Arctic explorer, Spilsby. Lincolnshire, 1786; Anatole France, novelist and critic, Paris, 1844; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of avia-tion, Milville, Indiana, 1867; John Millington Synge, dramatist, New-town Litten, near Dublin, 1871; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin, actor, London, 1889; Sir John Bagot Glubb (Glubb Pasha), commander of the Arab Legion 1939-56, Pres-

ton. Lancashire, 1897. DEATHS: George Villiers. 2nd Duke of Buckingham, statesman, Kirkby Moorside, Yorkshire, 1687;

Lourdes, Nevers, France, 1879: Samuel Smiles, social reformer, London, 1904; Edna Ferber, novelist, New York, 1968. The Duke of Cumberland's forces defeated the Jacobite Scots at the Battle of Culloden, 1746.

The Royal Yacht Britannia was launched, 1953. The communist Khmer Rouge seized Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, 1975

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My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But you, O LOED, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations. Psalm 102.11-12 (NRSV).

BIRTHS BASU - On 10th April, to Louise (née Farrer) and Neil, a son, James Patrick

FAWCEIT - To Tabya (Tango née Bolton), and Tom, on 7th April 1999, a son, Frederick Robin Arthur. PISHER - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Christine and Todd, a son, Oliver, a brother for Julia and Sophie

GIAMMETTO - On April 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer and James, a

daughter, Anneta Kristine a sister for Julia. to Sara Jane (née Christopherson) and Dominic, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for George and Rupert. GRACE - On 14th April 1999,

GRANT - On 14th April, to Georgia and David, a son, Harvey Robert, a brother for Ella and Joseph.

HUNTER - On April 2nd 1999 to Tracey (née Dale) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Ophelia, a sister for the lovely Isabella. MESTERTON - On 8th April at home to Paul and Anae (nde Barsh) a son, Harry George Feliks, a brother for Toby, Lara and Jack. **BIRTHS** GOLDEN KORMOS - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Krisztina (nác Kistalvi) and Miklos, a spiendid beby girl, Claudia.

EEHAN - On April 7th, to Angela and John, a son, Charles Robert John,

OHARE - On April 13th 1999 at The Portland Hospital, to Marnia and David Hoddle, a daughter, Ella Counie Vincenti, to love OKISTO - On April 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Yumiko sud Sohel, a daughter, Saya.

PARKER - On April 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Teresz and Michael, a son, Jack Tempest, 81bs 10ozs, 21 inches long.

REES - On April 9th to Days-Lucienne (née Mann) and James, a sun, Edward Francis Stewart.

Melissa Herdinge and Alex Stitt, a beautiful daughter,

STUBLAR - On April 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Cincly (nee Judge) and John, a daughter, Hannah, a sister for Tyson. VAN LAUN - On 13th April

1999, to Exima (née Thomson) and Tim, a daughter, Anna Catherine Eather. VARNAVA - On April 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Maria and Varnavas, a daughter, Anna Maria.

DEATHS

Breakthrough Breast
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Children Fund c/o Francis
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Dissection 1971-1971 Directors, 87 The Wainute, Orpington, Kent, tel; (01689) 823777 to whom moutries about the luneral should be

BROWN - John died 29th March aged 90. Journalist, Author. Funeral at Torquay Crematorium 2pm, today 16th April,

ALCOCK-FEARS - On Easter Saturday 1949, Instructor Lioutenant Robert Reameth Alcock RN to Nina Rose Pears at Victoria Park Methodist Church, Boursemouth, Now living at Walwyn Garden City, searer than usual to Alistair, Kate, Simon, Thomas, Elessor and Richard, To whom many thanks for Sunday's calebration.

BECKETT - Susan (Sue)
Jennifer née Lloyd on
April 9th aged 41 years
peacefully in Singapore
efter her brave battle
against cancer, Beloved
friend and wife of Doug,
daughter of Stells and the
late Albert, sister of
Martin, Jenet and Philip.
Sue leaves a workdwide
loving circle of friends and
will be anally missed. The
fumeral will take place at
All Saints Church,
Barkhart Reed, Orpington,
Rent at 1 pm on Thursday
22nd April, prior to private
internent. All that knew
and loved her are welcome
to the church service.
Family flowers only.
Douations if wished to
Breakthrough Breast

ANNIVERSARIES

BUCKLEY - Alice died peacefully in Mayday Hospital. Crovdon on Tuesday April 13th 1999 aged 90 years. Last of her generation, will be sally missed by family and friends. Ecquiries to J B Shakawayear Ltd 1818 88 Shakespeare Ltd, 0181 688

BURROWS - Col. ian
Burrows OBE, died on 31st
March 1999. Much loved
cousin and himband of
Barbera. Loved by their
many friends. Cremation
took pince Tuesday 13th
April. Denations if desired
to The Middlesex
Regiment, c/o F.W. Chitty
& Co. Ltd., 45 Elm Grove
Road, Waybridge, Surrey.

COLM - Christians, elder daughter of the late M.E. Ruffer DSO OBE TD Chevaller de la Legion D'Elonour. See Ruffer.

COOK - Gweneth, widow of Sir Thomas Cook, died pescefully at home on April 14th Private Funeral Family flowers only but donations to sither St John Ambulan either St John Ambulance Brigade or the Royal British Legion c/o Mjechel & Rolling, Barn View, Wood Norton, East Dereham, Norfolk, Service of Thankagiving on 21st April at 230pm at the church of St Peter and St Paul Falsenboor. Paul Fakenham

DE WOLF - John Kendall (aged 63) after sudden iliness. Beloved husband of Molly, loving father of Stnert, Philip and Susan, doting grandiather to Jack, Maisie, Amy, India and Charlotte died 12th April 1998 A see

and Cherlotte died 12th April 1999. A service of thanksgiving for John's life will be held Tuesday. 20th April at 10.45 am in St Thomas Church, Upshire (near Waltham Abbey), Essex. No flowers but donations if desired to the British Beart Foundation and the Guillain Berré Society c/o D C Poutton & Sou, Funeral Directors, Clarks Lane, Epping.

DDOM - Courad Hepworth, on April 13th at Salisbury District Hospital, Funaral St James's Church, Ludgershall on Thursday 22nd April at 12 noon. Dountlors to The Missions to Seamen. Enquiries to Douning F/D, tel: (01264) 334436

Cogmbe Road, Norbitos

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices

please call 0171 680 6880

DONALD - William Graham on April 12th pescofully in Kingston Hospital aged 90. Private cremation, Iamily only. Thanksgiving Service 2.30 pm Friday April 23rd St Nicholas Church, Thannes Ditton. No flowers but donations if desired to R.N.L.L. c/o Fraderick Paine. 29 Coombe Road, Norbiton.

GAM - Norman Joseph, April 9th 1999. Peacefully in hospital aged 91 years. Oxford University 1927 - 1932. Cleased Master Ripon Grammar School, York 1932 - 1933; Heath School, Halifax 1935 - 1932: Liverpool Collegiate 1952 - 1972. Will be very sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Mass at St Charles, Borremee Church, Aigharth Road, Liverpool 17 on Tuesday 20th April at 12 05pm followed by creasation at Springwood Creasation at Springwood Creasation at Springwood Creasation at 1.00ps. Flowers and or donations gratefully received for the Methodist Home For The Aged, c/o Peaceon Collinson Funeral Service, 91 Allerton Road, Liverpool L18 20D. Tel: 0151 722 1514.

FOSTER-Moirs Alice
Beatrix (née Crr), widow
of the late Brigadier
Boderick Nelson Foster.
Peacetailly on 13th April
1999, beloved mother of
Betth and Alsn and
grandmother of Charles,
Antony and Deborah.
Funeral service will be
held at Selisbury
Crematorium on
Wednesday 21st April 1999
at 2.20pm. All flowers may
be sent to Thomas Free &
Soms Ltd, The Parade,
Marthorough, Wilinhire,
SN8 1NE. Tel 01672
512110.

HOLLOWAY - Veronica Mary.
affectionately known as
"Romie". of Moselay.
Birmingham, pascefully
on April 11th 1999 aged 77
years. Wife of the late
Graham Holloway and
mother of Christopher,
John, Virginia, Louise and
the late Andrew. Service
at The Oratory on the late Audrew. Service at The Oratory on Wednesday April 21st at 12.45 pm followed by Committel at Robin Hood Crematerium at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations for St Marys Hospice, 176 Raddicharn Road, Selly Park, Birmingham 29.

rough. Tel: (01892)

GODBER - Geoffrey, C.B.E.,
D.L. at Chickester on 13th
April aged 86. For nearly
62 years the during
bushand of North and
much loved father of
Christopher, Jonathan and
Feter. Funeral and
Thanksgiving Service at St
Mary's. Singleton on
Thursday 22nd April at
2.30pm. Family flowers
only, donations to
Singleton Church Fabric
Fund, 24 Chariton,
Chichester PO18 0HU.
HARDMAN - Joyce. On April HAYLLAR - S. David passed away on Monday 12th April after a long illness courageously borne. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral at New Southgate Crematorium on Wednesday 21st April at 1.30om.

HIMPHESES - (nés Geiderd). On April 13th 1999, peacefully in hospital, Valerie, agod 65 years of Getlsy, Cheahire. The beloved wife of Gerard and mother of Stephen, Paul, David, Frances and Bernard. All enquiries to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd, tel 0161 428 2097. Chichester PO18 0HU.

Chicker Poyer of Potential the age of 92, having recently bravely survived a stroke. Much loved mother of Peter, grandmother of Fiona and Christopher and great-grandmother to five.

Funetal Service at Tumbridge Wells.

Crematorium on Tuesday, 27th April at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hospics in the Weald or Crowborough Animal Wellare, c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services.

Crowborough Tel: (01892).

CORES - Garda, aged 94, peacefully on 11th April. Beloved wife of the late Beloved wife of the late Heavy MacDougal Jones (Nap) and dearly loved mother of Jennifer. Funeral 21st April at 3.30pm, St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, East Finchloy, London N2. Family flowers only planes. Donations, if desired, to The Dogs House Batterse of The Director Genera Batterses Park Road, London SWB 4AA. London SW8 4AA

AMPRELL JARRETT - On LAMPRELL-LARRETT - On 12th April 1999, Peter Neville Lamprell-Jarrett, RCSG., KCHS, loving Instead of Kay, father of lonathan and Sarah. Requiem Mass at the Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, W8 on Wednesday 21st April 1999 at 11am followed by private burial. Enquiries to A France & Son, tel 0171 405 4901. LEVICK - Stells (née Kant), widow of Claude Blaxland Levick, died peacafully at Victoria Nursing Home, Hove on 30th March 1999. The cremation will be held at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton on Monday 28th April 1999 at 12 noon.

MILNES - Barbara Jose (nA

MILNES - Barbara Joan (nde Thompson) on April 13th 1999, Beloved wife of Charles Francis Milnes, much loved mother of Julie Jaffray, Caroline Cronson, and Paul Milnes, and Grandmother of Christopher, Isobel and Noah, Funeral Mass at St Josephs Church, Christchurch at 9.45 am on Thursday April 22nd followed by cromation. followed by cremation.
Family flowers only, but
donations if desired may donations it desired may be sent for "Silverways Nursing Home" to Miller Bros and F.P. Butler Ltd., Funeral Directors, 119 Bargates, Christchurch, Dorset, Tel: 01302 485439.

ORMEROD - Dr Ian Michael peacefully on 13th April 1999 aged 77 after a long illnow. Beloved husband of the late Jean and hother of Ginnie and Julia, much loved father of John and Nick and grandiather of James and Clare. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A Service of Thankagiving will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 2nd June 1999 at 54 John's Wood Church, NWS. Family Rowers only please, but donations, if desired, to The Royal Theatrical Fund e/o J H Kenyon, Funeral Directors, 49 Marloes Road, Loedon WS. A private family gremation,

PAVHY - Birgitta Christina (née Bydemark) died peacefully on April 13th after a short illness. She will be deeply missed by many. Cremation at Putney Vale 2 pm Wednesday Tist April Family flowers only. Donations to R.S.P.C.A.

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ROSTRON - Gordon, aged 67, passed away peacesfully in his sleep after a long illness, surrounded by Sue, loving son Neil and Gabriela on 11th April 1999. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service Saturday at 2.00pm, 17th April at Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Marsham Street, SWI. Donations if dealined to the church or flowers to the cometery. Service Tuesday 20th April, 2.00pm at Carleton Cemetery Chapel. Stocks Lane, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool, FY6 7QS.

RUFFER - Peacefully on 12th April 1999 after a short stay in bospital Christiane, elder daughter of the late M.E. Ruffer DSO OBE TD Chevaller da la Legion D'Honour and the late Mrs Ruffer of Flint Cottage, Mickteham. Whow of lacquee Colin of Paris and devoted mother of Henri Colin and beloved sister of Anne-Marie and Ernest. Funeral at Temple do L. O'ratoire Eglise Reforme de France, 145 Rue St Honore, 75001 Paris, Wednesday 21st April 3pm, followed by burial at Conetiers de Courbetoro. No Rowers by request.

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OBITUARIES

ANTHONY NEWLEY Fagin in Alec

Anthony Newley, actor, singer, composer and lyricist, died of cancer in Jensen Beach. Florida. on April 14 aged 67. He was born in London on September 24, 1931.

nthony Newley was an all-round entertainer who first came to prominence as a 17-year-old playing the Artful Dodger in David Lean's 1948 film of Oliver Twist. He made a successful transition from child to adult actor and pursued a steady if unexceptional film career before making a new reputation as a popular singer and writer of stage

With his collaborator Leslie Bricusse he was responsible for the book, music and lyrics for Stop the World. I Want to Get Off and The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the Crowd and took big acting parts in both. The shows played to critical acclaim in London and on Broadway, spawned a number of hit songs and won many awards.

In 1985, when he was working mainly as a cabaret artist, renal cell cancer was diagnosed. The disease went into remission but returned last year. A few months later, however, he joined the cast of the television soap opera EastEnders, playing a crooked car salesman. But it was a small part, lasting only three episodes, screened last October.

Newley was himself from the East End, the son of a builder he did not know as a child and only met many years later. Though he was not strictly a Cockney (he was born in Hackney). Newley's public image, which he happily cultivated, was very much that of the canny working-class Londoner who knows all the angles.

He left school early to join a Fleet Street advertising agency as a teaboy, and from there moved to the Italia. Conti stage school, paying for his lessons by working in the office. He made his theatre debut with the Colchester Repertory Company and

got his first film part at the age of 14 in The Adventures of Dusty Bates.

formidable Fagin in Alec Guinness, guaranteed fur-ther work in the cinema, and he appeared in nearly 30 films in the 1950s and early 1960s. But few were memorable and even in the better ones, such as Cockleshell Heroes or The Battle of the River Plate. Newley was usually well down the cast

By the time he achieved star billing, playing the name part of a small-time London crook in The Small World of Sammy Lee in 1962, he was much better known in other fields. The turning point was an otherwise mi-nor film, Idle on Parade, in which he played a conscript-ed rock woll singer and more importantly, co-wrote and sang the title song.

Although meant to be a parody, the song became a chart hit and helped Newley to a new career as a recording artist and, with it, a substantial following as a pop idol. He followed Idle on Parade with a string of ballad numbers, such as Why?, Do You Mind? (written for him by Lionel Bart) and D-Darling. Among those who acknowledged the influence of Newley's vocal style, with its distinctive stretched vowels, was the young David Bowie.

In 1960 Newley starred in an experimental television series for ITV, The Strange World of Gurney Slade, which failed with the public

and was soon withdrawn from its peak slot in the schedule and banished to the late evening. But the setback was temporary and in the following year Stop the World, I Want to Get Off opened in London.

The show was a landmark in the history of the British musical, notable became his signature tune. for its freedom of form and cynicism The critical success of Oliver Twist, of content as it charted the bitter-in which Newley played opposite a sweet rise of its central character,



Anthony Newley: from child star in the cinema to success as a writer of musicals

played by Newley, from teaboy to millionaire. For Newley, its lasting legacy was its songs. They included Gonna Build Me a Mountain and What Kind of Fool Am 1? which sold more than a million records and

Set in a circus. The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the Crowd followed in 1964, transferring to Broadway and gained further kudos for the Newley-Bricusse partnership. At this time the team wrote the lyrics for the theme song of the James Bond film, Goldfinger, which became a hit for Shirley Bassey.

As an actor Newley starred in the film musical of Dr Dolittle, which had a Bricusse score, and in 1969 he was the star, director, writer and composer of Can Hieronymous Merkin Ever Forget Mercy Hummpe and

Find True Happiness?

More successful was a further collaboration with Bricusse on the film of Roald Dahl's story, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Among later songs Newley wrote himself was The Can-dy Man, which was record-

ed by Sammy Davis Jr. Newley spent much of the 1970s and 1980s in the United States. His stage musical Chaplin was pro-duced in Los Angeles in 1983, but his chief distinction during this period was as a cabaret and nightclub per-former. In Las Vegas he commanded the same attention as Tony Bennett. Dean Martin or Frank Sinatra. With his career in the

doldrums he returned to Britain at the end of the Eighties. An attempt to make a West End comeback with a new production of Stop the World, I Want to Get Off failed; the show lasted only a few weeks. He had little more luck playing Scrooge in a musical of that name written by Bricusse. A long-cherished project, it toured the regions for some years before coming to Lon-don at Christmas 1996; but it made little impact.

In 1990 he appeared on BBC television opposite Joan Collins, his second wife, in one of a sequence of plays by Noël Coward. Tonight at 8.30. Newley and Collins had married in 1963 but they

separated acrimoniously in the early Seventies, and she later wrote scathingly about him in her autobiography.

Newley's first marriage, to Elizabeth Ann Lynn, was dissolved. He is

survived by two children from his marriage to Collins, and two from his marriage to his third wife. Dareth Dunn, which ended in divorce in 1988. Latterly he had lived with Gina Fratini, a fashion designer.

PAUL HYZLER

Paul Hyzler, CBE, medical adviser, died on March 5 aged 66. He was born on November 21, 1932.

PAUL HYZLER worked tirelessly to improve the health of people all over the globe, through his involvement with the World Heath Organisa-tion. At WHO he was noted for his supreme technical knowledge, and held in high regard for his integrity and negotiating skills, qualities which led to his appointment as CBE in 1991. He was later in life most notably involved in health projects in his adoptive

country of Malta.

Hyzler was born in Cairo, the son of a professor of music who was also a draughtsman. At the International School his gift for languages emerged: he became fluent in French, Italian. Maltese and Arabic, and at 16 he moved to Malta. He was both a talented

watercolourist and an accomplished pianist, and had he not narrowly missed a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, he would have been lost to the medical profession. As it was, he studied medicine at the University of Maha and obtained his MD in 1958. Having specialised in infectious diseases and public health, he served Malta as physician-superintendent of its hospital for infectious diseases and as the medical director of St Luke's General Hospital.

It was as the Maltese repre-sentative at the World Health Assembly that Hyzler began his lifelong association with the World Health Organisa-tion, which awarded him fellowships in 1961 and 1962.

When Hyzler entered the Départment of Health in England as a medical officer in 1972, his wide experience of



international health issues was quickly recognised. He not only became a principal adviser to a succession of ministers and chief medical officers, but was called on repeatedly by WHO, for in-stance, in the final stages of the programme for the eradication of smallpox.

During this period he was a key official supporting the British delegations at the annual meetings of the World Health Assembly and European Regional Committees, and he negotiated and administered bilateral health agreements between Britain and the former Soviet Union, Hun-

gary, Poland and Egypt.
While working for the Department of Health he was also responsible for organising the repatriation and isolation of British citizens thought to have been in contact abroad with Lassa fever.

After his retirement from the Department of Health in 1992 he returned to Malta to draft its strategic health policy, although this was not implemented in his lifetime. He was instrumental in est-ablishing Malta as a model for effective health policy formulation.

He married Lise in 1963. She survives him, along with two sons and a daughter.

CANON SELWYN GUMMER

Canon Selwyn Gummer, editor of Pulpit Monthly, died on April 12 aged 91. He was born on December 19, 1907.

SERMONS by Selwyn Gummer have probably been heard by more people than those by any other writer in Britain this century. For 30 years he wrote sermons for others to preach. week by week, and distributed them in the busy priest's vade mecum, Pulpit Monthly. There were never fewer than 3.000 grateful clerical subscrib ers, and they received not only sermons to suit the Church calendar, but a commentary and book reviews, almost all written by Gummer.

Selwyn Gummer was born in Blaengarw. Glamorgan. the third child in a family of nine. He came of Herefordshire stock but learnt to speak fluent Welsh the better to be able to take part in local and national eisteddfodau. There he won more than a hundred prizes as a boy soprano. bringing in money that was very welcome in a family blighted by the blindness of his father.

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The family circumstances meant that Guntmer could not complete his education, and it was as a late entrant that he went to University College. Cardiff, to read theology and



subsequently to train for the

Baptist ministry. His first church, in Cwmbran, was soon a lively centre with a remarkable Sunday school, one of whose scholars was Alun Gwynne Jones, later Lord Chalfont, whose grandfather was choirmaster. Gummer was already much sought-after as a preacher in both English and Welsh, and was being groomed for great

However, he was increasingly questioning the teachings of the denomination, and an experience at an early morning Communion one day led to his decision to become an Anglican. He trained for the Ministry of the Church of England at Wycliff Hall under the watchful eye of Christopher Chavasse. Following Cha-

things in the Baptist Union.

vasse to Rochester when he became bishop, Gummer threw himself into parish life and his chaplaincy to the RAF in Brompton, Chatham. Yet it was at the first

meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam that he found his true vocation. He was attending as the correspondent of the Daily Herald when he and another convert from Nonconformism, D. R. Davies, decided to do something about the standard of preaching in the Church of England. Pulpit Moninty Was born with them sharing the editorial work, but Gummer soon took over entirely.

By the time he finally gave up in 1988 there were 30 volumes. The sermons were written not only with an eye to the readings and lessons, but in a form that encouraged improvisation and embellishment, allowing each priest to make his own contribution.

At first there was some resistance to the idea of a central sermon service, but Pulpit Monthly was soon accepted by the Church (if not much publicised outside). Gummer even had to see off a number of rivals, such as The Raven. Only in his mid-seventies did he give up writing the magazine, when the introduction of different service books and the Roman Catholic

Church's change to a three-year cycle had made the business of synchronised sermons much more difficult.

Gummer was chairman of Arthur Rank's company Religious Films, and led industrial missions to many English cities. He wrote regular leaders for the Record newspaper. and produced a book on the Puritan divine Matthew Henry. His book Let Battle Commence challenged the received attitudes of the postwar Church, and argued that with vast new datishes and respor sibilities, priests could not be expected to be expert at everything. His pulpit-ready sermons were aimed especially at those whose gifts were pastoral rather than intellectual.

As Rector and Rural Dean of Gravesend, where Princess Pocahontas is buried, he became chaplain to the British delegation to the celebrations of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Virginia. He was an honorary canon of Rochester Cathedral, and finished his parochial ministry in Brighton. He was married for 56 years to Sybille Mason, until her death in 1993.

He is survived by three sons: John Gummer, the former Secretary of State for the Environment, and the businessmen Lord Chadlington and Mark Selwyn Gummer.

NICOLA TRUSSARDI

Nicola Trussardi, fashion designer. died on April 15 aged 56 after a car crash the previous day. He was born on June 17, 1942.

MANY Italian fashion houses began with a reputation for one particular garment or accessory. In the case of Trussardi, it was gloves. The company was started in Bergamo in 1911 by the master glove-maker Dante Trussardi. and for 60 years it concentrated on exquisite : which became renowned the world over. Its transformation into an all-purpose fashion label was the work of the founder's grandson.

Nicola Trussardi graduated in economics from the Catholic University of Milan, and went to work in the family factory, taking over the com-pany in 1970 after the death of his father and elder brother.

From the very beginning his sights were on expansion into a wide range of products and into new markets, and as fashion allied itself with the entertainment industry, he had not only the business sense but the necessary theatrical flair.

He started by organising a new tannery, concentrating on better techniques for treating, refining and working the leather. This meant that softer and more supple leathers than usual could be introduced for bags and suitcases. Precious materials such as python and crocodile skins were to become

a speciality. In 1973 Trussardi virtually relaunched itself with a new line of luxury goods and introduced a logo — in this case a greyhound — so that customers could flatter themselves that they were not just buying a handbag, but were making a symbolic investment in a stylish way of life. The Trussardi style characterises fashion, interior design, household linen and home furnishings," the com-pany bragged, "while the



Trussardi (1998): posing in Milan with two models

greyhound becomes the distinctive sign of a real art of living.

it worked. The first collection sold well, and new products were quickly added belts, shoes, umbrellas, foulards and ties. Trussardi opened its first shop in 1976 in Milan, and a chain of boutiques followed, at swanky addresses around the world, including Harrods. The boutiques now number 183, mostly in the form of franchises.

The next move was into ready-to-wear clothing. A women's collection was laun-ched in 1983 at La Scala in

Milan, followed the next year by a men's line. More recently, baby and children's clothes have been added. Trussardi products now range from carpets to watches, and the company has also collaborated with other manufacurers in the design of car and aircraft interiors.

Nicola Trussardi had a taste for the lavish and spectacular, and bought numerous villas, including one on the island of Elba. He courted the famous. including Pavarotti, Tina Tur-ner and the Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi (before his fall). In 1987, the company won the highly prized contract

to design the Italian uniform for the Seoul Olympics and the Calgary Winter Olympics. During the 1980s Trussardi fostered a new cultural image

by making costumes for Pasolini's play Bestia da stile, for Carreras in Verdi's Macbeth in the Verona Arena and for the ballet, in the endless process of associating the brand with the beautiful people, Trussardi also set up the Palatrussardi on the outskirts of Milan as a venue for concerts. and played host to Frank Sinatra and others.

Further publicity - "in tune with a taste that is a way of behaving" - was garnered from involvement in innumerable exhibitions, sponsorship deals and self-promotions, such as the "Fashion World's Salute to Peace" in Israel in 1995. Trussardi also launched a series of perfumes and aftershaves - demonstrating its understanding of the essence of the business when "Action Uomo" won the Per-

fume Academy award for best packaging.
In 1996 the company moved into new headquarters in the Piazza della Scala, opposite the opera house in Milan. The seven-storey building -- formerly a hotel - was opened out and transformed by the architects Gregotti, and now includes offices, showrooms, an art gallery, bookshop and a cafe. The following year Trussardi opened a new Paris boutique in the Place Vendome. "We want a high-profile

During the 1990s Nicola Trussardi invested widely, in banks, industry and real estate companies. His own company's sales last year reached 850 billion lire (nearly £300 million), and a deal signed in February with Teijin of Japan promises further expansion, with large stores planned in Tokyo and Osaka.

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said Trussardi.

Nicola Trussardi is survived by his wife, Maria Luisa, and their two sons and two daughters.

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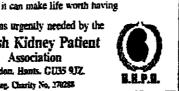


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MARCHERS FIGHT POLICE — 72 HELD

More than 70 people were arrested in ugly scenes in London yesterday when many thousands of "Ban-the-bomb" marchers from Aldermaston fought with police on the final stages of their route through the West End to a mass rally in Hyde Park.

Hundreds of police struggled to keep the procession in some semblance of order as it wound through the streets, but on several occasions a contingent of about 300 marching under "Federation of London Anarchists" and "Committee of 100" banners broke the police ranks.

Women screamed as mounted police moved in to help nudge the column back into line. Helmets and banners were trampled underfoot and traffic was disrupted over a wide area. The demonstrators, mostly youths, jeered and cursed at the police and there were bloody noses and scratched faces on · both sides. One policeman and a youth were slightly injured as they were forced

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The first CND march was in 1958. It was a well run body and physical confrontation with authority was never part of its policy. Although it has lost its momentum the campaign still numbers its supporters in thousands.

in the path of the traffic and in Whitehall a youth was dragged away from the front of a double deck bus. Leaders of the march were angered by

the disorders. Canon Collins blamed groups who had "muscled in" on the march. "It is stupid and thoroughly to be regretted," he said. "They have distracted attention from the real purpose of the demonstration and done great harm to the cause they claim to be standing for." Mr Michael Foot, the

Labour MP, said the incidents were a great pity. "It prevents people from hearing what we have to say. We have to persuade people who disagree with us. not bash them on the head."

The first serious clash occurred soon after the march left Hyde Park on the last lap of the 50-mile trek. The head of the column passed along Buckingham Palace Road and into Victoria Street without incident. Then Mr Peter Cadogan, international secretary of the Committee of 100, urged his own supporters and the anarchists to "spread out, fill up the road". Ignoring pleas from march marshals, the group rushed the police cordon with linked arms and forced them back. Only when mounted police and reinforcements of foot police moved in was the scuffling subdued.

Two and a half hours after the head of the column had reached Hyde Park for the rally the last contingents filed quietly in. Eggs were thrown at Canon Collins - who earlier had had a bag of flour emptied over his head - as he and other CND leaders spoke to a gathering now estimated to be near 40,000 ...

THE TIMES TODAY

Nato admits bombing convoy

■ Nato's admission yesterday that an American Fl6 pilot mistakenly bombed a convoy of fleeing Albanian refugees failed to resolve the confusing picture over the raid. Belgrade claims that at least 72 people were killed in the attack.

Nato released a transcript of the pilot's account of the bombing raid in which he said he had fired at "three uniformly-shaped dark green vehicles" which he believed contained Yugoslav forces involved in setting fire to villages...... Reports, pages 1, 4-9

John Simpson accused of Serb bias

■ John Simpson, the BBC's veteran foreign correspondent, has run into fierce criticism from the Government over his coverage from Belgrade. Mr Simpson, the World Affairs Editor, has been accused by government sources of falling short of the

MP cleared of fraud

Labour appeared to have escaped the threat of a potentially embarrassing by-election when the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction for election fraud against Fiona Jones, the ex-MP for Ne-..Page 2

Ulster talks in London

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern last night summoned Northern Ireland's three main political parties to Downing Street on Monday in vet another attempt to prevent the Good Friday peace accord from unravelling..

GP murder trial

A "dedicated, caring and wellliked doctor" went on trial for murder, accused of killing an elderly, bedridden patient by deliberately administering a fatal dose of diamorphine...Page 3

Skipper in court

The skipper of an ocean racer which capsized in rough seas. drowning two corporate hospitality passengers, was the only person on board wearing a life jacket and safety harness, a court has been toldPage II

New solar system

Astronomers have found the first solar system around a star other than the Sun. Three giant planets are in orbit around the star Upsilon Andromedae, a Sun-like star 44 light years away, two groups of astronomers found......Page 12 other bid for office..........Page 19

Prescott's poor show John Prescott was said to be "hurt and depressed" at the calamitous Commons performance that sparked a flurry of speculation

Pinochet attack

Baroness Thatcher launched a bitter personal attack on Jack Straw after the Home Secretary announced that General Augusto Pinochet must face extradition proceedings.....

Coffin reveals secrets An exquisite glass vessel that might have contained mascara, eyeliner or an oily perfume for use in the afterlife is among grave goods unearthed with the coffin of a young Roman woman in the

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Bhutto jailed

Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, and her husband. Asif Ali Zardari, were sentenced to five years in jail and fined £5 million on corruption charges. The conviction will lead to her disqualification from politics for five years.....Page 18

Gingrich returns

Newt Gingrich, the former House Speaker thrown into the wilderness five months ago, has returned to the limelight with a gala dinner in Washington to raise cash to promote his views and perhaps pave the way for an-

New find is a whale of a bacterium

■ A giant bacterium the size of a full stop has been found living in sediment on the ocean floor off the coast of Namibia. If the average bacterium was the size of a newborn mouse, the new one would be the size of a blue whale. The new bacteria, Thiomargastring of pearls....



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Cup semi-final victory over Arsenal on Wednesday night, Manchester United are on the brink of an unprecedented treble Page 52 London marathon: Veronique Marot, winner of the women's race ten years ago, has criticised the standard of British marathon

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With its haunting preoccupation with India and obsessive compulsion to match every Indian advance, Pakistan has to contrive a tit-for-tat. As a result, Pakistan has the dubious distinction of being the only nation that conducts tests of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery vehicles for political rather than for technical reasons. The Hindustan Times, Dehli preview: The political commentator Brian Walden deconstructs the myths surrounding Saddam Hussein. Walden on Villians (BBC) 7.30pm) Review: Paul Hoggart on George "Dr Dreamboar" Clooney's exit from ERPages 50, 51

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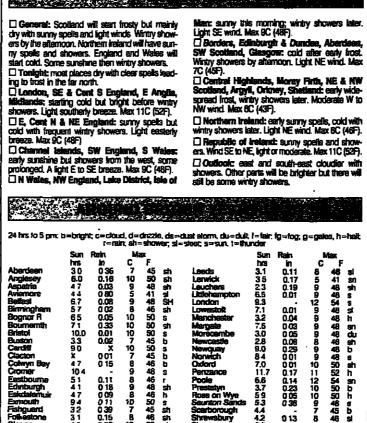
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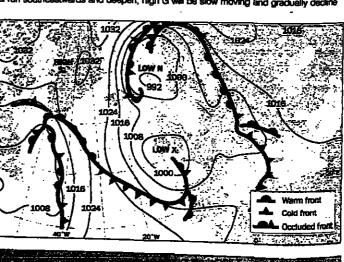
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Strauss-Kahn on collision course with ECB

By Alasdair Murray, **FCONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

DOMINIQUE Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister. yesterday set France on a potential collision course with the European Central Bank, saying that he wanted euroland governments to introduce "quantifiable, binding" emnlovment targets.

he was willing to respond to ECB demands to tighten French public spending but Europe also needed firm job growth targets and higher spending on impovative new

business ventures Speaking before this week end's informal European finance ministers meeting in Dresden, he added that he

M Strauss-Kahn said that on introducing a withholding to respond to tax on savings interest could be achieved by June.

Britain has steadfastly set itself against the new tax which would also apply to bonds held overseas — unless tempoponds are specifically excontre of the \$3.25 trillion eurobond market and the British Government is concerned that the tax could drive much of the

business abroad, causing widespread job losses in the City. Gordon Brown, the Chancel-lor, yesterday insisted that Britam would yeto the measure un-

less its concerns about the eu-

robond market were ad-

dressed.
A compromise proposal has been floated that would see curobond holdings above €40,000 (£26,000) exempted

ing the tax to small-scale European investors.

However, Mario Monti, the acting EU Taxation Commissioner, ruled out this plan on Wednesday, claiming that it would lead to unfair tax discrimination.

M Strauss-Kahn's plans for job targets are unlikely to win the backing of senior ECB figures, who yesterday stepped up the pressure on euroland

governments to introduce structural reforms.

A succession of ECB council members played down the impact of last week's half-point rate cut, repeating the Bank's view that only profound structural reforms could solve Europe's unemployment problems. Otto Issing, ECB chief economist, said: "It's an additional impulse about which one should have no illusions."

Herr Issing's views were echoed by Hans Tiermeyer. President of the Bundesbank, who said that last week's cut should not be "overestimated".

M Strauss-Kahn, however, insisted that his plans offered a sensible middle way between comprehensive labour market reforms and shortterm stimulus packages.

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Electra shock as 3i's bid vote is defeated

By Robert Cole, City correspondent

ELECTRA Investment Trust last night beat off the hostile takeover approach from rival venture manager 3i.

The sometimes bitter tussle for control ended as shareholders voted to accept a wind-up plan put to them by the Electra

Electra won by a narrow margin. To survive as an independent it needed to win 75 per cent support of its shareholders. It won 76.15 per cent support of those shareholders voting.

3i made it a condition of its bid that the Electra buyback plan should be voted down. However, some observers were suggesting last night that the battle may not end here.

Questions have been raised about the late purchases of a 1.5 per cent stake in Electra. Since that stake was larger than than Electra's winning margin, the propriety of the purchase could be called into

The result of the vote came

City Deal to shed 180 jobs

By MARTIN WALLER

CITY DEAL SERVICES, a private client stockbroker owned by Abbey National, has been forced to transfer most of its business to a rival firm. The move will cost the jobs of 180 at its office in Romford, Essex.

City Deal, an execution-on-ly broker, was bought by Ab-bey along with Cater Allen, the moneybroker, in 1997. A spokeswoman said the redundancies would follow the outsourcing of order processing to Pershing Securities.

The planned growth of City Deal's busines means that the existing infrastructure and systems are not ca-pable of handling higher vol-umes of business," she said. Graeme Dart, City Deal's IT director, said: "The best way for us to grow our busi-ness and to deliver the infrastructure required is through

after the the stock market closed. However, before the result was known, 3i shares rose by 301/2p, to 689p.

At this price the 3i cash and share offer would have been worth 764p per Electra share. This is 200p more than the price at which Electra shares were trading prior to the opening of bid activity, but below the 786p price at which Electra has promised to buy back up to 40 per cent of its shares.

The theoretic value of the 3i offer is also some way behind the 915p asset value which the Electra board said was the underlying true value of trust

The rise in 3i shares came before the result of the poll was known. Some attributed the rise to the fact that 3i seemed likely to win and be strengthened by Electra. Others suggested that the price rose on the belief that 3i would fail in its attempt, and not be burdened with the debt required

to undertake the purchase. Michael Stoddard, the chairman of Electra, said: "I am delighted that Electra shareholders have supported the board's proposals. The board will now implement the tender offer and is confident that it will deliver enhanced value for share-

holders into the future." At yesterday's shareholder meeting called to discuss and vote on the proposals, Mr Stoddart indicated that the trust may continue to exist permanently - if there was sufficient

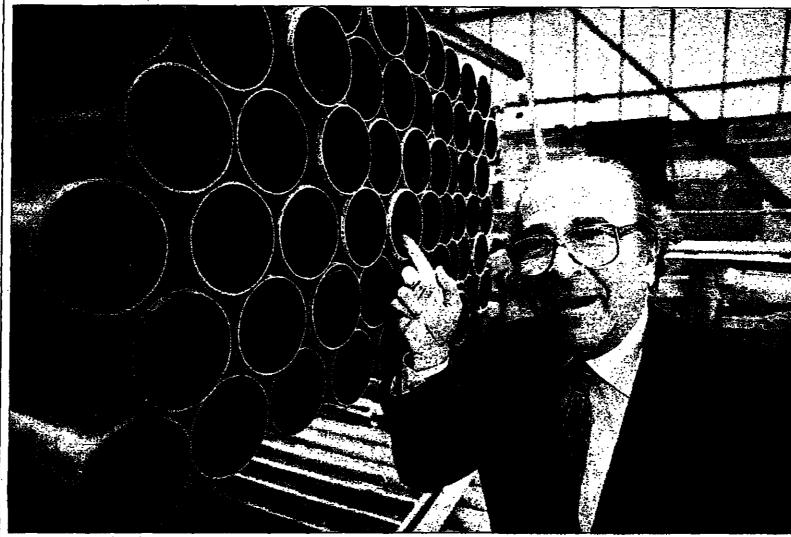
investor interest.

The stated, and now approved, plan is to buy back up to 40 per cent of the shares at 786p and then execute what Mr Stoddart said would be an "orderly" liquidation of the trust over the next five years. The official plan involved a series of buybacks, funded by

to continue with the process until Electra disappeared. However, Mr Stoddart indicated yesterday that if it became apparent that all shareholders who wanted a cash exit had been satisfied, and remaining shareholders wanted to continue to participate, then Electra could continue to trade

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IMI deal gives Polypipe chief £70m



Kevin McDonald, a former plumbing teacher, will receive £70 million from the £337 million sale of his Polypipe plastic fittings business to IMI

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

A MAN who began a plastic fittings business 35 years ago in a small back room in Doncaster and later created the Polypipe plumbing group is to receive £70 million after selling up to IMI, the engineer-

Kevin McDonald, executive chairman of Polypipe, yes-

terday announced that he is selling for £337 million in cash, the plastic piping and plumbing supplies group that he built up. He will become a non-executive director of IMI. Mr McDonald, formerly a

plumbing teacher, created Polypipe in 1980 from his Bar-tol Plastics firm to try to undercut existing plastic fittings nufacturers. He floated the

company five years later at a market value of £11 million. A keen grouse shot, Mr Mc-

Donald, 65, has been described by members of his board as a "benevolent dictator". Still a resident of Yorkshire and married with two young children, he is a close friend of Barry Pointon, an executive director of IMI. Bid talks between the two

boards are believed to have taken only three weeks to complete. Geoffrey Harrison, a business partner of Mr Mc-Donald and a non-executive director of Polypipe, will make £10 million from the

1MI's 200p-a-share offer is 27 per cent above Polypipe's closing price on Tuesday. Polypipe, which had 193 employ-

ees at flotation and now has 3,000, last year reported pre-tax profits of £35 million. Trevor Slack, IMI finance director, said: "This deal isn't

about huge cost savings in the traditional sense. It's about leveraging growth through our existing network, opening up new markets and using Polypipe's technical expertise and new product innovation."

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Huntsman on target

The US tycoon and Mormon who successfully brings Mammon and God together Page 31

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ICI makes disposals of £1.7bn to Huntsman

By Paul Durman

ICI yesterday took an important step towards completing its transformation into a specialty chemicals company when it confirmed El.7 billion of disposals to Huntsman, America's largest family-owned chemicals group.

Some analysts were sur-prised that ICI has sold its well-regarded polyurethanes business as well as Tioxide, which makes a white pigment used in paints and paper, and a group of loss-making petroborrowings and sustained by asset disposals. The aim was chemicals businesses. ICI will only receive £1.3 bil-

lion of cash this year and it will initially retain a 30 per cent stake in Huntsman ICI, a company comprising the disposed businesses and Huntsman's propylene oxide opera-

Martin Evans, head of re-search at Sutherlands, the broker, said: "It's a move in the right direction but it's still sad-

dled with loss-making commodity chemicals and a high level of net debt, and it's given away or sold a quite good business in polyurethanes." Charles Miller Smith, ICI's

chief executive, insisted the group had achieved "very prices. However, the £1.05 billion that Huntsman is paying for polyurethanes represents a multiple of 11.7

times, and the £500 million price for Tioxide is £100 million less than ICI agreed with DuPont and NL Industries last year, before those deals were scuppered by competition concerns.

Mr Miller Smith, who is focusing ICI on starch, fragrances and flavours and paints, said: "We believe we

are in the home straight in the journey to change the character of ICI." Shares in ICI rose 23/2p to 659p yesterday - still barely half the price they reached last May. Jon Huntsman, a highly-re-

garded chemicals industry veteran who has built a \$7 billion business from scratch in 16 years, said he was "absolutely nor interested in taking Huntsman public because commodi-ty chemicals companies would always be poorly rated because investors and analysts. The businesses ICI is selling employ 6,000, 1,900 in the UK. Mr Huntsman said his company had never laid off a worker and needed ICI's managers and ex-

perienced people.

ICI will have to make £195 million of provisions to cover pension, environmental and other costs. It will also incur another £65 million of costs from cutting its corporate overheads.

Dispute looms on C&W bid

BY ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND CHRIS AYRES

A DISPUTE over protection-ism looks likely to erupt between Britain and Japan after a decision by International Digital Communications (IDC), the Japanese telephone company, to reject a £327 million takeover bid from Cable

& Wireless, the UK group. IDC's board instead voted to accept an almost identical offer by Japan's domestic telephone company, NTT. The decision will be seen as an embarrassment for Japan's Government — a controlling shareholder in NTT — which is committed to liberalising its

telecoms industry. Stephen Byers, Trade and Industry Secretary, has told the Japanese Government that "a successful bid from NTT will raise the issue of competition and regulatory

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Glotel stock flotation to net Baker £50m

Andy Baker, who founded Glotel ten years ago with Les Clark

By Jason Nisse

A 33-YEAR-OLD computer personnel tycoon is set to make about £50 million from the flotation of his company in the next few weeks.

Andy Baker founded Glotel just ten years ago when he left Hestair, the recruitment arm of the conglomerate BET. He and his boss at Hestair - Les Clark - decided to set up a specialist telecommunications and information technology recruitment firm and the company now employs

245 people in the UK, US and Australia. Both Mr Baker and Mr Clark - who is 54 - each own 50 per cent of Glotel. though they intend to cut their stake on flo-

tation and give up to 5 per cent of the company to staff.

The business is expected to come to market through a placing by HSBC Securi-ties, the broker, which this week issued a glowing investment report predicting the company would record revenue in the year to March 31 of £101 million and profit of £4.4 million. On the basis of valuations achieved by similar firms, this would put the worth of Glotel at between £100 million and £150 million.

MSB, which is in the same market, was valued at more than £200 million at its peak but has suffered because of the departure of its founder, Mark Goldberg, and Mr Goldberg's decision to sell his

shares to fund his disastrous purchase of Crystal Palace Football Club.

Robert Waiters, the IT and banking recruitment group, was sold to StaffMark of the US for £110 million last summer. Its founder — of the same name — picked up £26.5 million in the deal.

Glotel has strengthened its board ahead of the float, bringing in Chris Adkins, the former finance director of Sherwood Computers, and two non-executives Glyn Hirsch, chief executive of CLS Holdings, the property group, and Robin Saxby, chairman or ARM Holdings, the

computer chip company. Mr Baker did not want to speak to The Times about his impending good fortune.



By Fraser Nelson

EUROTUNNEL has managed to pull off its sharpest ever price increases thanks to the merger of P&O and Stena's crosschannel ferry services.

Drivers taking their cars through the tunnel were charged £109 for a five-day return ticket in the first three months of the year, a 56 per cent increase on 1998. Eurotunnel said this was

made possible by similar price increases imposed by the newly merged P&O and Stena Line cross-channel service. The ferry operators' five-day peak return has risen by 25 per cent this year, to £195.

The number of cars carried by Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle subsidiary rose by 4.4 per cent, in spite of the higher charges. Eurotunnel said: "We had to compete with unrealistic price promotions, and prices are now getting back to normal." The price of an ecomony

return for drivers peaked at £328 in the summer of 1996, but fell as drivers defected to the ferries. Eurotunnel intends to

push the price of an open return to £239, from £190. this summer.

Eurotunnel owns the tunnel, and runs the shorthauf Le Shuttle operation. It takes access charges from Eurostar, the separately owned passenger



THE mobile phone industry

is poised for a vicious price

war, with Vodafone, Britain's

largest mobile phone compa-

ny, revealing yesterday that it

would give more free calls to

sustomers and cut its peak-

The move follows the an-

nouncement of aggressive price cuts by One 2 One, Voda-

fone's smaller rival, earlier

this week. One 2 One has also

radically reorganised its so-

called "pre-pay" tariffs -

TOURIST RATES

time call rates.



Seascope Shipping Holdings, where Tom Young, left, is chairman, and Duncan Hill is chief executive designate, has fought off the impact of the Asian economic crisis to report a 13.3 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £3.5 million. A final dividend of 10p was declared, making 15p for the year (3p).

British Midland profits slump despite rise in passengers

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AVIATION CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH MIDLAND, the UK's second-biggest scheduled airline, saw profits slump by a third last year despite attracting record numbers of

Sir Michael Bishop, chair-man, reported that yields had fallen under the aggressive challenge" from low-cost carriers as well as being hit by the drop in business travel.

Though this saw pre-tax profits fall to E11 million from £16.7 million the privately

By Chris Ayres

which involve customers pay-

ing for calls with vouchers in-

stead of signing-up to long

call prices, and introducing a

"daily charge", starting at 50p.

give 250 minutes of free calls

subscribers to its £14.99-a-

month service instead of 180.

At the same time, the company

will reduce peak-time calls

rates on many other tariffs.

In response, Vodafone will

cent growth in passenger num-bers. to six million. That helped achieve a record turnover of £558 million.

Sir Michael said that the fall in profits was due largely to the £4.5 million "windfall" in the prior year when the compa-

330,000 passengers on the British Airways strike. He said that a further £4 mil-

British Midland is setting lion had been set aside this year in losses in challenging its sights on breaking into the the British Airways monopoly transatiantic market when the on the Heathrow-Manchester US and British Governments route. The airline claims to

the two countries. It has been granted licences to serve New York, Washington, Boston and Miami.

Aer Lingus, another company battling against the budget operators, yesterday reported sharp rise in profits. The Irish national airline

said that its heavily contested Dublin-London route proved a significant contributor to the success. The company's pre-tax profit of £46.6 million for 1998 was up 14 per cent, while the passenger total increased by 10 per cent, to 5.8

MANUETY APPOINTED TO OVERSEE SALE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL NATS would take place during the two-and-a-MINISTERS last night increased the momen-

tum towards the sale of the air traffic control service by appointing a new chairman to over-see the partial self-off. John Prescott appointed Sir Roy McNulty, chairman of Shorts, as chairman of National Air Traffic Services. Government officials said that the partial sale of

half-year period of his tenure, which is due to last until October 2002. It was originally thought that the sale of 51 per cent of NATS would raise £500 million, but John Reid, the Transport Minister, has said that a delayed sale may be needed to achieve the best price. Commentary, page 29

Vodafone free call move | Off-roaders give Ford a lift

THE growing popularity of off-road vehicles among Americans has helped Ford and General Motors to weather tough markets in Europe. Ford said yesterday that op-

£22 million for MC Mobile three months of 1999 were Service Communications, the \$1.81 billion (£1.12 billion), up small mobile phone service provider owned by Cable & Wireless Communications. Vodafone also signed a deal with CWC which will see them offer

operators, have not responded

to Vodafone and One 2 One's

price cuts. Orange said that

through its "value promise" of-

fer, it would match tariffs of-

fered by any rival.

20 per cent on last year and ahead of analysts' forecast. Sales in the UK, Ford's biggest foreign market, dropped from 142,000 vehicles to 126,000 in the period. This was "integrated" phone services.

despite the introduction of the Focus, the successor to the Escort. The purchase of Volvo and the growth of the Jaguar subsidiary may mean that Ford's plans to introduce the Lincoln luxury range into Europe will be shelved.

John Devine, chief financial officer, fuelled speculation that Ford will make Visteon, its parts subsidiary, a stand-

GM is already cutting loose its Delphi parts arm, which is

ence to tie-up big supply agreements with other carmakers. Mr Devine admitted Viste on risked being left behind.

now free to use its independ-

GM, which owns Vauxhail profits were \$2.1 billion in the first three months of 1999, up from \$1.6 billion in 1998. Market share in Europe fell from 9.8 per cent to 9.6 per cent but GM said new models, such as the Vauxhall Zafira, would im-

Cellnet and Orange, Brit-ain's other two mobile phone Brands Hatch chief raises the stakes with letter over restructuring

Silverstone battle moves up a gear

NICOLA FOULSTON, chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, has intensified the battle over the future of Silverstone with an open letter to members of the British Racing Drivers Club (BRDC) which owns the racetrack. The letter - published today in the

motor sport press - opposes many parts of the proposed restructuring of the club, which is expected to lead to a flotation of Silverstone. Members will vote on the restructur-

ing next week against the background of Brands Hatch indicating that it would bid about £50 million for Silverstone if the BRDC wanted to sell it.

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, would allow the BRDC to own the freehold of Silverstone but lease it to a separate, newly created company, controlled by the BRDC.

Ms Foulston's letter opposes the clauses in the restructuring that would give a golden share in the new company to the BROC board. She says this would restrict the rights of individual shareholders. She then calls for the BRDC to sell Silverstone to Brands Hatch, which owns the Kent racetrack of the same name.

A BRDC spokesman said he was glad Ms Foulston broadly supported the restructuring but added: "Silver-

The restructuring, put together by stone is worth more than the current market value of Brands Hatch." Yesterday that stood at £70 million

The waters have been muddled further by the intervention of Bernie Ecclestone, the entrepreneur who controls Formula 1 motor racing. He has said that he supports Ms Foulston's bid and would only keep the British Grand Prix at Silverstone if the track is sold to Brands Hatch.

The contract to host the Grand Prix runs until 2001, but Mr Ecclestone can tear up the deal if the BRDC sells the racetrack. He has indicated that if anyone other than Brands Hatch bought Silverstone, he would merely move the race to Brands Hatch.



Foulston: opposes parts of plan

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BCC sees recovery for the economy

THE economy is poised for recovery, with confidence in both the manufacturing and services sector improving rapidly, according to a new report yesterday. The British Chambers of Commerce quarterly economic survey also reported a marked improvement in the export position, with the service sector returning to growth while manufacturing exports declined at a much slower rate than in previ-

However, the BCC cautioned that the overall health of the economy remains fragile, with manufacturing domes-tic sales declining at their fastest rate for six years during the first quarter. Unemployment is also beginning to rise the first quarter. Onemployment is also beginning to rise more rapidly, with manufacturers shedding staff at the fastest rate for six years, while service sector job creation has also slowed sharply. Ian Peters, the deputy directorgeneral of the BCC, said that with costs pressures remaining subdued, the Bank of England should make another quarter reduction in rates as soon as possible to aid the re-covery. He added that the Bank was aware of the BCC findings ahead of last week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting when the Bank made its latest rate cut.

Cadbury US purchase

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the group which earlier this year agreed to sell all its soft drinks operations outside of the US for £1.14 billion, bought Hawaiian Punch. America's favourite fruit punch, yesterday for £126 million. It is buying the juice-based, non-fizzy drink from Procter & Gamble and it will be managed and distributed by Cadbury Schweppes's Dr Pepper/Seven Up operations. John Sunderland, chief executive, said: 'The acquisition emphasises our commitment to the important US soft drink market."

Scotia scraps drug

SHARES in Scotia Holdings fell by almost 10 per cent yester-day after it abandoned work on its drug to treat pancreatic cancer. Scrapping Glamolec means that Scotia has failed with three products that it filed for regulatory approval - a failure rate far in excess of the industry norm. The apparently advanced state of Scotia's drug portfolio gave the company a E600 million valuation three years ago. Yesterday its shares fell 13p to 126p, valuing it at just under E100 million. Scotia withdrew Glamolec from regulators' consideration last year.

Terranova's KFC deal

TERRANOVA, the foods group subject to a £229 million hostile takeover offer from Unigate, said yesterday that its Buxted Foods subsidiary had won a £9 million-a-year contract from KFC, the fast-food group. The deal is to supply to KFC a "new menu item" that will be launched during the summer. Paul Lewis, Terranova's chairman, said: "This example of Terranova's success in the important food service market reinforces our belief that Unigate's hostile bid significantly undervalues the company."

PacifiCorp's £111m sale

PACIFICORP, ScottishPower's planned takeover target in the US, is to sell a £111 million business. Its electric service area in California is to go to Nor-Cal Electric Authority. ScottishPower said it had known about the sale when it launched its bid for PacifiCorp. The offer is currently facing regulatory investigation. The sale of PacifiCorp's Californian business will be completed next year. This is subject to a separate regulatory

Sega launch date

SEGA, the Japanese video games company, is to launch its new Dreamcast games console on September 23, priced at £199. Sega hopes that the product - which it claims is the "most powerful video game console ever created" - will hit sales of Sony's PlayStation. The Dreamcast is four times more powerful than the PlayStation, and can access the Internet. However, Dreamcast consoles will be twice as expensive as PlayStation. Sony is developing a next-generation PlayStation. expected to be even faster than the Dreamcast.

Deloitte on the up

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, one of the big five accountants. claimed yesterday that its fee levels are set to grow by nearly a third this year. John Connolly, who is today confirmed as the firm's new senior partner and chief executive in the UK, said: "Our growth rate continued to grow when the economy started struggling. We are running at over 30 per cent growth this year. We have never had results like this." He added that the audit division — often seen as the growth laggard in accounting firms — was growing at more than 20 per cent.

Richardson referred

NATIONAL DATA CORPORATION'S acquisition of John Richardson Computers, a supplier of software systems to retail pharmacies, has been referred to the Competition Commission. The acquisition, valued at £2.5 million, from the market research group Taylor Nelson Sofres, was found to have potential competition problems by Kim Howells, the Trade Minister. Dr Howells said, however, that these could be waived as long as NDC did not inhibit pharmacies from supplying pharmaceutical data to parties other than NDC.

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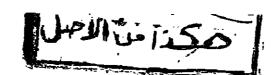
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o — by a margin reminis-cent of last year's vote to keep Nationwide a building society - the board of Electra Investment Trust succeeded with its honey-covered poison pill de-fence to 3i's bid. Here we have a deal to wind up the trust, which betrays the worst elements of both the investment trust indus-try and the venture capital industry, voted through by the massed ranks of institutional investors whose taste buds moisten at the

thought of the deal being handed

to the team at Electra Fleming,

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which runs the trust. For those who complain about fat cattery among our captains of industry — people who actually run businesses rather than move money from place to place — consider the £30 million bonus pool awaiting the Electra Fleming folk if they successfully wind up the trust. Or consider the fact that the "carried interest" element allowed in Electra transactions - that is the amount the managers are able to cream off for themselves - is increased from 5 per cent to 8 per cent. Imagine if your independent financial adviser tried to sell you an Isa with entry charge of 8 per cent and a cash bonus to the manager if the price rises. You would be running to the regulators fast-er than you could say "Financial Services Authority".

Yet this is all so commonplace in the venture capital industry. Entry charges, management

Fat cats vote for their own cream

charges, exit charges, carried interest and sweet equity abound. Deals are done at prices few can believe, leveraged to the hilt and resold at a premium to the market. The venture capitalists argue that they still deliver a better re-turn than conventional active fund managers. Well, that is like saying your football team plays better than Nottingham Forest. Has no one noticed that investors are so disenchanted with active fund managers that they are flocking to low-cost, reliable,

tracker funds. The mood of the small inves-tors attending yesterday's meet-ing was that they did not really want to see Electra sold to 3i, but neither did they want Electra to wind itself up. They appeared happy with the absolute returns Electra has generated during its 23-year life and despite the threat of the net asset value discount that afflicts all investment trusts

apart from 3i — seemed happy to persist with their Electra in-

However the institutions wanted cash and cash they will get. Michael Stoddart, Electra's chairman, said there may be a continuation fund if there is enough demand. Meanwhile small investors



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will have to make do with what

the City says is good for them.
But Mr Stoddart, if investment trusts have a role, it is to serve small investor needs and the needs of smaller investors that do not have their own in-house private equity expertise. It would be as well for managers not to for-get this demand. It could be the only demand they have to live off if current trends in the investment trust industry persist.

Withholding tax is the new poll tax

ohn Prescott hit just the right note in Parliament on Wednesday. He transposed the planned EU withholding tax on investment income with the poll tax. If only Gordon Brown could see priorities so clearly.

Both levies were logically thought out and for the best mo-

tives. Poil tax made local electors

put their money where their

votes were. The withholding tax aims to stop German and other government revenues being threatened by hordes of investors

drawing income gross from abroad, usually Luxembourg, and illegally failing to declare it. Both taxes, equally, have potential side effects so bad that they must be ruled out completely. They include wiping out the Lon-don eurobond trade, which was born because of restrictive taxes in America and would in turn migrate to Zurich or whichever other centre resists EU bullying. But there is time to avoid repeating the poll tax mistakes with the

withholding tax.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, thinks it could take until June to agree a final compromise deal. Mr Brown could resolve it today, at the start of the EU finance ministers meeting in Dresden, if he is serious about protecting the fi-nancial services from the sort of cave-ins that destroyed our fishing and motor industries. Sadly, the City will have little confidence in its Chancellor.

After Mr Prescott's somewhat oblique response to the withholding tax question, Downing Street explained that "it's a tax on savings and we are against it." Coming from a Government that has slapped a new £5 billion-a-year tax on pension savings and re-introduced tax on capital gains from inflation, this is not convincing. Nor is Mr Brown's pledge that he will agree to nothing that would "seriously" harm the City.

Compromise is in the air. A German proposal would exempt interest on holding above about £27,000. Mario Monti, the outgo-ing Tax Commissioner, rightly

huge distortions. Under lumbering EU procedures, they could not easily be corrected later. Any arbitrary or inflexible distinctions are bound to become nonsense as rapidly as

points out that this would be un-fair and, rather worse, invite

financial markets evolve. At the last EU summit, our Govern-ment insisted on keeping our re-bate when it could safely have been offered as part of wide re-form. The City, like others, is likely to pay the price because, John Prescott apart, ministers will al-ways put image before business.

Over and out time for NATS

eanwhile in another part of Prescottland. Tony Blair's answer to Cardinal Wolsey was appointing a new chairman for National Air Traffic Services. Sir Roy McNulty is no doubt a fine choice. An Irishman who qualified as an accountant in Scotland and went on to run Shorts in Belfast before selling it to Bombardier of Canada, he understands finance, aerospace, wheeling and dealing and, most importantly, how to sell the family silver to foreigners. However his role at NATS is

not to sell the family silver. It is to flog a sickly — if not indeed al-ready dead — horse.

Consider the evidence. NATS has an ageing air traffic control centre which is close to being

swamped by the amount of traffic it needs to handle. The computers in this centre would no doubt be familiar to Charles Babbage and if they are Y2K compliwere built before the bug was thought of. NATS is in the process of building a new traffic control centre. But its technology partner, Lockheed Martin, has been slower than a week in jail and the costs have spiralled.

and the costs have spiralled. Meanwhile Gordon Brown thinks NATS is a jewel worth £500 million for Treasury coffers

and wants to privatise it. The Deputy Prime Minister appears not to be sure this is a good idea. He has no doubt told Sir Roy to have an open mind. This may be code for "give me an excuse to kill this privatisation". One

Costly experiment

ICI PAID so much for Unilever's chemicals businesses that the foods group thought it best to return the money to shareholders rather than attempt the Herrylpen took of covering a better culean task of earning a better return. The resulting debt has now forced ICI to be a seller of other businesses at what some think is not exactly the optimum time. Changing your portfolio of busi-nesses to give steadier growth po-tential is line. Unfortunately, selling what others are selling and buying what others are buying tends to be a costly process.

Booker secures refinancing plan with banks

By Fraser Nelson

STUART ROSE, the chief exec- the banks might say: 'sorry utive of Booker, has agreed a £650 million refinancing package with its 21 banks - removing the threat of receivership that has been hanging over the company for the past four

The struggling cash and carry company has agreed to pay a sharply higher interest rate on its £550 million of borrowings. In return, it retains its £650 million overdraft limit and has two years to return to financial health.

Mr Rose said: "Our banking facilities were due for renewal, and the risk was that hit this year, through goodwill

A HOMELESS Welsh rug-by team and an Arsenal foot-

ball team constrained by

home ground capacity helped Wembley Stadium to

contribute £13.9 million to

Wembley pic in its final year

in the listed group's

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Arsenal used it for three Eu-

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ny made an estimated profit of £500,000 on each of these

The stadium was earlier

this year sold for £103 mil-

lion to a trust backed by the Football Association. pro-

voking a dispute within

'Vembley's board as three

non-executive directors. Jar-

vis Astaire, Peter Mead and

Claes Hultman, Wembley

Michael Stoddard, cam-

chairman, said that the

three were now going to re-

paigned to stop the deal.

The Welsh used Wembley

ownership.

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guys, we don't want to lend you more money'.
"The fact that it has taken

four months to resolve shows how serious the situation was. But we've now agreed a deal until 2001."

Shares of Booker fell ip to 64p yesterday as analysts said the company still has everything to prove. One said: "At least it's not going to go bust, but Stuart Rose is firefighting, and he's still got a tough task ahead of him.

Mr Rose said the company will take a further £50 million

sign and would be replaced. "It was a disagreement on

strategy and the sharehold-

ers did not agree with

um sale are to be distributed

to shareholders, and Wem-

bley is seeking the most tax-

The stadium's strong per-

efficient way of doing this.

formance - plus the success

of video lottery games at the racetrack Wembley owns at

Lincoln, Rhode Island - led

to a 7.6 per cent rise in prof-

its, before tax and one-off

The pre-tax total, swollen

However, a much higher

by an £8.38 million surplus on property revaluation, came in at £35.2 million.

items, to £26.8 million.

Proceeds from the stadi-

them," he said yesterday.

to Wembley

By JASON NISSÉ

writedowns and about £20 million for rationalisation. The company will now sell five of its six divisions, raising

an estimated £200 million. It hopes to sell Booker Food Services and Abor Acres in the next few months. Its other divisions - Marine Harvest Mc-Connell fish farming and the Booker Tate and Fletcher Smith sugar businesses should go towards the end of

the year. Mr Rose told analysts that he had a two-phase plan to rejuvinate its 187 cash and carry stores. The first will be an efficiency drive, involving an overhaul of internal management and possibly more job losses to add to the 200 already going at Stadium gives

head office. It will then give its product range a complete revamp, in farewell boost troducing new lines of meat. chilled food and ethnic foods.

Mr Rose said: "We sell to 370,000 caterers and 120,000 shopkeepers, and we are turning them away because we don't stock what they want. Yet we sell eight brands of Garibaldi biscuits when we could happily get by with three."

Booker made a £90.8 million loss for the six months to December 26 against a £68.7 million profit last time. Underlying profit dropped to £11.3 million (£54.1 million).

The company spent £1.3 million on lawyers and advisers' fees during its abortive merger talks with Somerfield and Budgens and took a £13.2 million charge to cover redundancies. As its year end is changed to March 31, the figures were a second set of interim results.



Reflecting well: Arild Nerdrum, chairman of Caverdale, the motorcycle, bicycle and leisure marine group, reported a 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £6 million for 1998. A final dividend of 2.25p was declared, making 4.5p (4p) for the year

Russell slides as | Reed Elsevier's RMC talks fail

SHARES of Alexander Russell, a quarrying and concrete products group based in Lanarkshire, dived yesterday after the company said that it had called off talks with RMC, the industry leader and its biggest

shareholder. The collapse of the negotia-tions are likely to have saved about 100 administration jobs at the company's headquar-ters in Uddingstone, Glasgow. Alexander Russell said that

after ten weeks of negotiations aimed at achieving a recommended offer for the company. its board had been unable to reach agreement with RMC.

which was interested in acquiring the 75 per cent of the company that it did not own.

While there has been speculation that venture capital firms may also be interested in making an offer for Russell, Graeme Nicolson, the company's managing director, said: "The board confirms that no discussions have been taking place with any other party."

That was enough to push stock in the £30 million company down sharply, falling 25p to 112½p. The bid speculation had seen the shares rise sharply from 681/2p at the turn of the

iob hunt widens

Anglo-Dutch publishing and information group seeking a new chief executive has expanded its shortlist after the end of talks with the Simon & Schuster chief executive. Jonathan Newcomb.

The shortlist was effectively frozen in January while detailed talks continued with Mr Newcomb, who has lost half his empire through the sale of Simon & Schuster education and business publishing to Pearson.

Since January, a number of possible candidiates have be-come free to be considered, it

ELSEVIER, the is believed. Even if Mr Newcomb had agreed to become chief executive of Reed Elsevi-er, he would not have been free to join it immediately. Reed Elsevier is optimistic

that there will not be extra delays in getting the new person

Morris Tabaksblat, the retiring head of Unilever who will become non-executive chairman of Reed Elsevier in June. declined to say after its annual meeting yesterday how many people were on the shortlist, other than to say: "It's a relatively small group we are talking to."

Arnault seeks Gucci deal with

Pinault By Fraser Nelson

BERNARD ARNAULT, chairman of LVMH, has broken off takeover talks with Gucci and has said he will now try to strike his own deal with Francois Pinault, his rival suitor for the Italian fashion house.

M Arnault accused Gueci of using spoiling tactics which would make any suc-cessful bid "impossible." He will now try to by-

pass Gucci's board by entering discussions with M Pinault, who acquired 42 per cent of Gucci's shares last month to help it to fend off LVMH's advances.

LVMH said: "We have given Gucci a variety of akeover options in good faith. They tell us they can't sort out Pinault, so we will go to Pinault ourselves."

was using more delaying tactics and has never produced a formal offer.

M Arnault could win control of Gucci with the support of its three largest investors: M Pinault, Tom Ford, its senior designer, and Templeton Fund, the institutional investor. They own 50.2 per cent of Gucci between them enough to secure a hostile takeover without the consent of Gucci's board. ☐ ICOLLECTOR, the Internet auction house which is M Arnault's latest invest-

ment, said yesterday its losses last year more than doubled to £1.15 million. The Ofex-traded company competes with Christie's. the auction house owned by M Pinault. It said the loss was the expected result of its heavy investment.

Bus pair to run Northern Leisure

BY DOMINIC WALSH

tax bill led to earnings per share falling 21.8 per cent, to ADAM MILLS and Ray McEnhill, the pair who floated the National Express bus and coach group in 1992, are to 31.3p, on an adjusted basis. A 3.5p final dividend makes 5.5p (3p). Wembley shares rose 10p to 340%p. take the helm at Northern Leisure, the nightclub operator. Northern Leisure, which last month

admitted "exploring strategic opportun-Tempus, page 30 ities", is in talks to acquire Fife Group,

the former engineering concern that the two men have turned into a shell with about £11 million in cash. Their

plan is to develop Northern as a significant player in the wider leisure sector. Shares in Fife Group, formerly Fife Indmar, rose 54:p to 664:p after it confirmed that it had received an approach from Northern "that may or

may not lead to an offer being made".

At that level, Fife is valued at £13.8 million, while Northern, which rose 81/2p to 145%p, is worth £180 million. A Fife spokeswoman said: "The pair

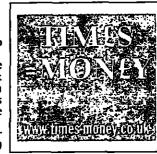
have aspirations to move further in the sector, which is very fragmented and ripe for consolidation. They would like to play a role in that consolidation." Although talks are still at a prelimi-

nary stage, it is understood that North-

ern is planning to issue new shares to fund the acquisition of Fife.

The two men are expected to become joint chief executives, allowing Nick Oppenheim, Northern's vice-chairman and 12 per cent shareholder, to fulfil his wish to step down to non-executive

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STOCK MARKET



Speculators scent bid in Asda's remarkable run

ASDA, the supermarket operator, has had a remarkable run in the past few days, yesterday adding 10.8 per cent to 1761/p. This made it the biggest riser in the FTSE 100 and the most heavily traded, with 38.97 million shares changing hands.

The company attributed the rise to its briefing sessions with analysts ahead of going into its closed season. However, the sharp jump in the price shortly before the close of trading left some observers questioning whether there was more to it.

Some said the trading resembled that of a predator rather than fund managers. They pointed to American giant Wal-Mart as the most likely

Asda shares were also helped by the latest Taylor Nelson Sofres food retailing survey, which is understood to show Asda outperforming competitors in gaining market

Investec Henderson Crosthwaite advises clients to sell J Sainsbury, 54p better at 375p ahead of a trading statement today, to avoid Safeway, oup off at 255 up and to buy Asda. Tesco. 24p down at 167up. and Morrison Supermarkets, 94p worse at 296p. HSBC Securities was also advising clients to buy Asda and Morrison.

Wal-Mart has also been linked to a possible bid for MFI Furniture, 7p higher at 49%p, as has Kingfisher, up 10p to 875p, and Ikea, the Swedish furniture company. Analysts say that any buyer may be interested in its property portfolio rather than its furniture business.

Following an overnight lead from New York, it was the turn of the recently unfashionable sectors, such as chemicals and engineering, to take some of the limelight, as investors hunted for value in stocks that had been oversold. But this was not enough to stop the FTSE 100 index closing down 27.7 points at 6.466.1.

The hunt for bargains pushed up the second-liners again, with the FTSE 250 index finishing 69.8 points high-

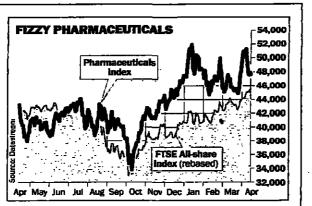
The improved economic outof Asian markets and the improvements in commodity prices - up 12 per cent this year has made investors look again at cyclicals.



Demonstrators outside the BP AGM were protesting against oil exploration in Alaska. BP shares gained 40p to £10.72½

The mining sector was 9.7 per cent up, with Billiton, climbing 18p to 1871-p, and Rio Tinto, 9214p better at £10.04, the second and third-best risers in the FTSE 100. Lonmin also rose 394p to 5054p.

Oil and gas also showed healthy gains. BG rose 124p to 360%p. BP Amoco was up 40p to £10.72h and Lasmo gained 19%p to 139%p, boosted by talk that Goldman Sachs is in the market to buy some five million shares on behalf of a client. Another leading institution is also understood to be trying to build up its holdings in the oil company. Analysts say that Lasmo may soon strike a deal on its Dacion field in Venezuela, either with an equity partner or through



lagged the market this year amid a lack of merger activiafter 1998's flurry. Glaxo Welcome, 113p weaker at £18.85, and SmithKline Beecham. 42 p down at 846 p. were victims vesterday of the switch out of growth shares into cyclical stocks. With pharmaceuticals accounting for 10.5 per cent of London equities on a weighted basis. y were a ma

the market's drop. However, Commerzbank, for one, has put a buy recomsaying further industry consolidation was inevitable. Commerzbank continues to see Glaxo's preferred partner as SB. However. AstaZeneca, 76p

lighter at £26.50, appears to be on no one's shopping list. Despite hopes of a revival in the share price after the merger, investors have not forgotten the patent problems that prompted the index-related buying of the stock which management hoped would follow the

Spurred on by the deal from ICI, 23½p higher at 659p, to sell its commodity chemicals business to Huntsman, BOC Group gained 66p to £10.59 and BTP 1914p to 41114p, as the chemicals

sector put on 3.7 per cent. Even engineering benefited. by 4.4 per cent, as BTR Siebe powered 141/2p to 2991/2p, Morgan Crucible 14p to 2404p and Glynwed International 1Sp to 219p.

Packaging raced ahead 7.6 per cent to be the best performing sector, with Rexam 1642p improved to 234p.

The conflict in the Balkans continued to help defence and aerospace stocks, with British Aerospace flying 174p to 450p, Smith Industries rising 42p to 96Ip and Rolls-Royce up 74p to 28014p.

The improved prospects for the UK economy, as backed by yesterday's survey from the British Chambers of Commerce, has helped building and construction. Hanson rose 25p to 572 ip, Pilkington gained 5p to 84 ip helped by those ever-present bid rumours, Blue Circle advanced 274p to 3814p. Taylor Woodrow put on 9kp to 1891-p. RMC Group, 53p to 918p and Jarvis. 39½p to 4784p, helped by a settlement of a union dispute in its railway maintenance business.

Polypipe, the building materi-

als manufacturer, gained 8/2p on news of a £340 million takeover by IMI, 27p better at 299p. The utilities, water and gas distribution in particular, gained from a retreat into safety after the prospects of highgrowth stocks were questioned, with Thames Water rising 2712p to 91512p and Severn Trent up 21p to 840%p. HSBC Securities has advised clients to buy shares in the utilities after the sector has just suffered its worst-ever quarterly performance, underperforming the market by 17 per cent. GILT-EDGED: European government bonds turned lower in closing trade, tracking losses in the Treasury market following the release of strong US data. UK issues suffered the biggest losses, as more evidence pointed to a return in confidence in the economy. The June series of the long gilt fell 87p to £117.08.

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Stock chips continued to be volatile107'2 - 16'273'2 - 10126 - 13251'2 - 19'4 .1387 - 84 .1885 -113 as investors switched between them. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 35.24 points to 10,446.90.

Solid steel lacks lustre

SHARES of British Steel were up another 3.6 per cent yesterday. In the past month the stock has jumped nearly 28 per cent and the shares now stand at 155/ap - the highest they have

been for the best part of a year. This, in many ways, is puzzling but can be explained. Several influential brokers have changed their stance on the stock. Investors have been encouraged to believe that the worst is behind BS. Bulls argue that the Asian woes are easing; that the outlook for steel prices is improving; that the recent cuts in UK interest rates must bring the value of the pound down eventually.

These factors may help, but equally it takes optimism to see genuine and sustainable growth in the Asia economies or to hope for a fall in the value of sterling. Moreover, the bull argument misses several other important is-

sues. While B\$ has increased its prices this month, it is surely too early to say whether these will stick. In addition, if improvements do come, they will probably be too late to save the company from reporting big losses for last year and the current period. Those losses will erode the BS cash position and may even raise a question over the dividend. The Chancellor's new energy tax could be painful too. Perhaps £100 million of annual pain for BS.

There may be more to come from BS shares if and when the bull arguments materialise into hard fact. There is also the outside chance of a bid, perhaps from the US. That would make sense if the aim was to cut global capacity. But even if a deal comes, it may not get regulatory approval. Holders should hold the shares. But the obvious value story here, and the obvious buying opportuniury, has been missed.

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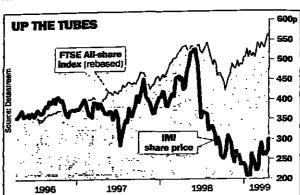
FTSE Non Financials

IMI's purchase of Polypipe makes a refreshing change Here are two manufacturing companies, both somewhat stranded in the small company hole where so many find themserves ignored by the big guns of the investment com-

Yet instead of running to the arms of the voracious venture capitalists - and leave untapped value to be exploited by them - Polypipe management has given public in-vestors the chance to maintain exposure to the company's potential by selling to another quoted company. IMI. for its part, can be congratulated for striving for share price improvement by finding growth opportunities rather than indulging in pure-ly financial engineering such

as share buybacks. Assuming the deal goes

Polypipe investors should re-With sales of £1.7 billion. invest at least some of the operating profits of £200 milllion and a market capitialisa- cash received for Polypipe tion approaching £1.4 billion. stock in 1MI. Others may new 1M1 will fall short of care to take a holding too. **UP THE TUBES**



Wembley

AS BEFITS a company with two finance directors at its helm, Wembley figures are a wonder of the accountants' pen. Headline pre-tax profits for the group - which recent-ly sold the stadium which gave the company its name were £35.2 million last year. But take away one-off items and this falls to £26.8 million. Take away the profits from the stadium, and this falls further to £12.9 million.

Investors should then ask themselves whether the ongo-ing profit is sustainable. Its US track venues operation had operating profits of £17.3 million last year. A large part of this came from gaming at Lincoln, Rhode Island. The success of that is due to the fact there is precious little other gaming in New England. change in Massachusetts, much of these profits will ebb

£103 million of cash paid over on the sale of the stadium which Wembley hopes to distribute in a tax-efficient way. There are also greyhound stadiums. The Keith Prowse event ticketing business is in there too, but is of variable profitability. And the 43 acres of land and property around the West London stadium has value, but is in desperate

through - and barring the ap-

pearance of a rival buyer, the

deai should be approved by

Polypipe shareholders - the

key challenge for the new

IMI will be to haul itself free

of smallcap ignominy.

need of redevelopment. Whether all this adds up to a company worth £189 million is open to serious question. Sell the shares.

Northern Leisure FOLLOWERS of this column will not have been surprised by vesterday's news that Northern Leisure is in talks to acquire Fife Group. Just last month we advised investors to sit tight pending corporate action.

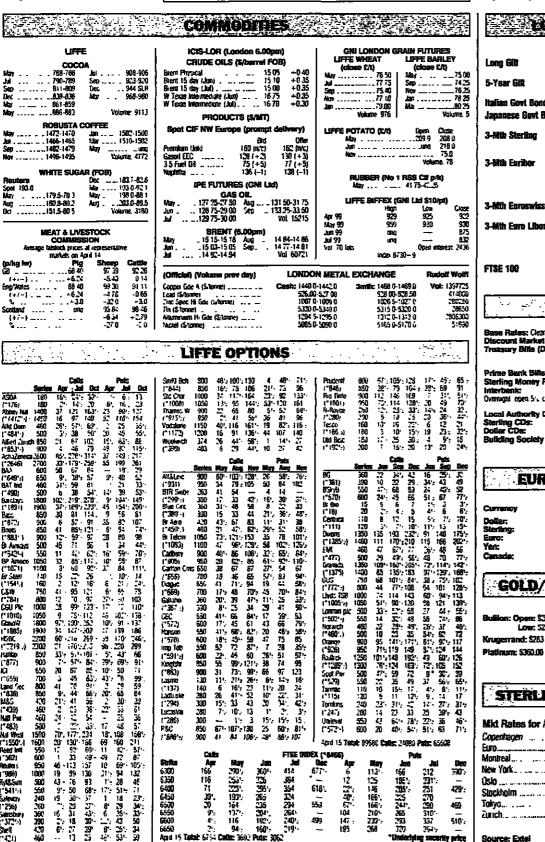
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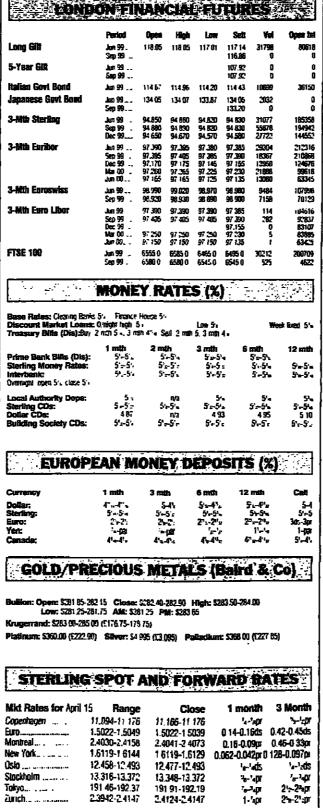
up Fife for something close to its current value of £13.8 million. It is a small enough is-

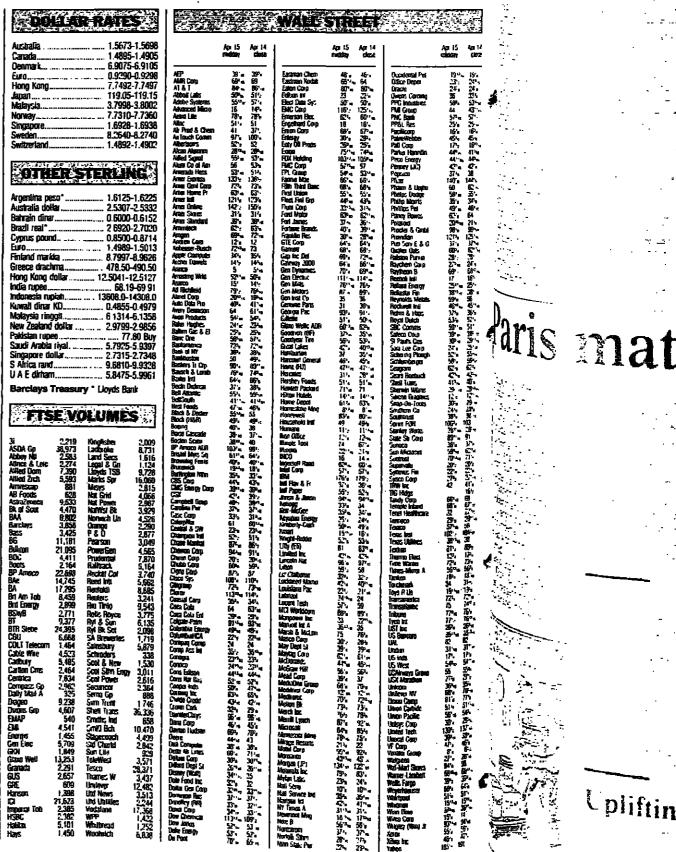
sue to be received calmly. In return. Northern will get a new senior management team, in the form of Adam Mills and Ray McEnhill. They plan to do with Northern what they did with National Express. By the time they left in 1996, the bus and coach operator's value had risen from £60 million at flotation in 1992 to just over £500 million. They had also taken the company into air-ports and paved the way for its foray into trains.

Expect nightclubs to become just one division as the two men look at everything from hotels to fitness clubs and snooker halls. Nick Oppenheim may be stepping down as vice chairman but it is understood he has every intention of retaining his 12 per ers should do likewise.

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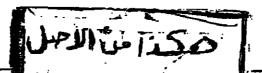
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A question of Jett black and white on Wall Street

OR the past five years, His appearance exhumes a controversy that GE, which sold the ined the rogue trader who lost Kidder, Peabody, his Wall Street employer, \$350 million by reporting fictional dealing profits. On Tuesday, a campaign to clear his name begins -- in the most unlike-

ly place.
Mr Jett will go on the Today programme, the legendary NBC breakfast show, to further his claim that he was a scapegoat. Not only that, Mr Jett, who was one of the few black hotshots on Wall Street at the time, is now saying that he was the victim of sustained racial sturs at Kidder.

The interview is the centrepiece of the publicity campaign for his new book, Black and White on Wall Street. NBC, though, is a bizarre place to kick it all off.

The station is owned by General Electric. Mr Jett's ultimate pay-master when he was at Kidder. versy that GE, which sold the in-vestment bank after firing Mr Jett in 1994, would rather forget.

But Mr Jett appears uncon-cerned about the potential conflict of interest. He is more interested in having a forum to resurrect his career, this time as a hedge fund

He won't give details, saying only that he has assembled a fund with less than \$100 million, mainly from private individuals. He says some were drawn to his notoriety on the grounds that good guys finish last. "Being well known, through fame or infamy, is

a door opener," Mr Jett says. And Mr Jett admits that he was not one of the good guys. In his early days as a trader, he was a braggart who would prop up the bar, repeatedly asking various women: "When I walk alone on high moun-tains, for whom do I seek, if not Adam Jones reports on the New York rogue trader who claims he was a victim of racial slurs

you?" Apparently, it was a successful chat-up line, gilded by boasts of his Harvard MBA.

Mr Jett did not refer to race issues in any of his hearings, but in his book are new claims that he was demonised at work for dating white women. He says this led him to be unfairly harsh with female subordinates as a protective measure. "I've never billed myself as being a sympathetic character," he admits. "There are women at Kidder who could have had promising careers, who could have made more money than they did and 1 cut them off completely."

Mr Jett has some support in the US media, although the right-wing American Spectator described the book as a "vivid and

disturbing case study of a man in complete denial ... like an Oliver Sacks story told from the perspective of the patient".

The reviewer took exception. among other things, to Mr Jett's claim that his superiors approved of his bond trading strategy, a claim that has been vehemently denied. The strategy involved recording unrealised profits on obscure, deferred trades. Mr Jett insists that the entries in his ledger would eventually have become genuine profits if the trades had been allowed to mature. The epic losses, he says, were only caused by a clumsy "fire

sale" initiated by his superiors. But a ruling by the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), the Wall Street watchdog, compared

his system with an illusory pyramid scheme, one that was designed to defraud.

Saying his superiors were only guilty of failing to question adequately where the star trader's profits came from, the SEC ordered that Mr Jett return \$8.21 million in bonuses and pay a \$200,000 fine.

Appeals have been made on both sides, with the SEC wanting a stiffer penalty. However, Mr Jett. who says his money has been eat-en up by lawyers fees, believes that at least he will never face criminal charges. The FBI has just returned his laptop computer, which would have been key evidence.

There are nagging questions on both sides. Kidder's controls certainly left something to be desired if they were blind to the situation. The SEC ruling also went against an earlier arbitration decision that

provided a victory for Mr Jett.
Fundamentally, Mr Jett's claim that he was really a brilliant trader, as opposed to a charlatan, is almost impossible to prove to the layman because of the complex na-ture of the transactions.

He makes great play in the book of how trading attracted him as a career because numbers ruled. Numbers were objective, hard facts, pillars of what he thought would be a meritocracy that looked at individual effectiveness,

But his baffling trading patterns appeared to depend on so much that was not objective, namely the choice of accounting standard. What is left for the observer is a shifting landscape of deepest grey. Not everything is black and white



Jett: "brilliant not a charlatan"

Huntsman hits his ICI target

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Mammon and God together

harity begins at home. ICI's chief executive. Charles Miller Smith, might have dwelled on that old maxim as he watched Jon Huntsman, the plastics tycoon and one of America's leading philanthro-pists, blow hot and cold over the purchase of ICI's bulk chemicals businesses.

Huntsman Corporation has long been in the frame, pursuing the Teesside petrochemi-cals business for 18 months. But he was never in a hurry, leaving ICI to stew over Easter. The devout Mormon and chairman of America's largest private chemicals firm went home to Salt Lake City to celebrate the holiday with his family.

Jon Huntsman likes a willing seller and over the past year, ICI has been behaving like a seller not just keen but quite hysterical. DuPont, the original buyer of the Tioxide businesses, was barred by the Federal Trade Commission, and the market has punished ICI stock for its heavy debt since it took over Unilever's fragrance and food additive businesses.

ICI's acrylics business is now up for sale and some analysts reckon that the British company had to put more on the plate in yesterday's deal. Peter Mackie, at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, observes: "We think they had to throw in poly-

urethanes as a sweetener. The American will not have to worry about shareholders, not even after writing a cheque for £1.4 billion. Dividends are an irrelevance at the chemicals company, they would only end up in Huntsman's pocket. He is said to be worth \$1 billion but lists three financial objectives: pay down debt, improve plant and facilities and put money into humanitarian projects. "Nothing has ever gone out to the family in my recollection - we've just lived

on our salaries." he explains. The US press fetes Huntsman more as philanthropist than buccaneering capitalist.



Materials gain: Jon Huntsman, left, and Charles Miller Smith yesterday after the announcement of the sale of ICI's polyurethanes business

foundations, Ivy League colleges and even homes for baitered women in Salt Lake City. Curiously, Huntsman is a major contributor to Roman Catholic charmes active in the Third World, earning this God-fearing Mormon an audience with the Pope.

The stock market was yesterday more interested in Mammon; shares in commoditybased companies were on the rise, sensing that a turn in the cycle was due after a lengthy despond. The man himself thinks we have seen the worst. We are within a year of the upside." But the cautious Huntsman insisted that ICI add polyurethanes to the deal to balance the volatile petrochemicals assets.

Who is this canny deal-maker? Huntsman divides every dollar of his free cash flow in half. putting 50 cents into the business and 50 into good works. Such saintliness has not made him a soft touch. He is a man corporate mission statement and a website with cheesy pictures of him and his wife can

grate on cynical eyes and ears. The trouble is that Huntsman is entirely sincere. His story is the classic American tale of poor boy made good by hard toil, thrift and the Lord's work. "The early days were difficult. My father was a music teacher

... the only job he could find was in Blackfoot, Idaho," he said, in a recent interview. It has an almost Dickensian sentimentality to it, complete with the doctor pronouncing Jon Huntsman dead at birth, a "blue baby". His father and the midwife refused to give up on the child and eventually, the

future tycoon surfaced for air. Huntsman's first business was a plastics packaging firm which will go down in history as the inventor of the "clamshell", a piece of modern industrial design that litters high streets from Tokyo to Tuscaloo-

He lavishes money on medical driven by a sense of larger pur- sa. In 1974, he persuaded Mac- With \$22 million in the bag, ments business, surfactants Donald's to use the clamshell as its Big Mac container and in 1976, he sold the company. delivering his shareholders 34 dollars for every dollar they invested. "Many millionaires came out of that first little com-

parry," he notes.

Then followed his first corporate deal, buying a \$42 million polystyrene plant from Shell Oil. "When I told them I would put up \$500,000 in equity they just about tossed me out of the office."

ndeterred, he came back with an even more outrageous idea. He persuaded Shell to lend him \$12 million to buy the business, giving them an IOU which he would pay back over ten years. The bump-tious boy from Blackfoot then promised Arco Chemical Company that he would buy 150 million pounds of raw styrene from them every year if they lent him \$10 million up front.

he secured a \$20 million loan from the bank, mortgaging his business to Shell and the bank and his house to Arco. It was the beginning of Huntsman Corporation, literally hooked together with chewing gum and bailing wire," he said.

and the polyurethane business

acquired from ICI. He would

like to buy the ICI acrylics busi-

ness, which the British compa-

ny put up for sale yesterday. "It is very much of interest to us."

useful home for distressed sell-

ers of rusting chemical kit.

With no shareholders, no annu-

al report, no sneering analysts

Huntsman is a bottom-fisher, buying businesses at the nadir of the cycle for a fraction of their replacement cost. He then runs them for cash, pushing as much volume as he can through the plant to cover the

high fixed costs and the debt. He went on to buy Texaco's chemical business for \$1 billion in 1993 jointly with Kerry Packer, the Australian media mogul, picking up a polysty-rene business from Elf Atochem in the same year.

Recently, Huntsman has shed the assets of the original business, selling styrenics to Nova Chemical Company for £660 million. He is refocusing on less cyclical products, such as titanium dioxide, the pig-

probing its accounts, it can ride out lean times. While the bosses at ICI and Shell are justifying themselves to the City's teenage scribblers. Huntsman is being showered with honorary degrees and congratulated by the man in the Vatican.

Huntsman likes it this way, with his son, Jon junior, as vicechairman, another son, Peter as chief operating officer, his daughters on the board and 40 grandchildren waiting in the wings for their cue. He said: "We have no intention of going public. We have limited resources, we don't want to deal with shareholders. Our priority is to distribute fund to humanitarian causes, we could not do that if we had shareholders."

untsman is eclectic in his choice of good causes — he built a concrete plant in Armenia to help to build houses for the homeless after the 1988 earthquake. This year, he will inaugurate a new village in the country, Hunts-ville, having created a school and several blocks of apart-

But his biggest cause is cancer. He donated \$100 million to a University of Utah Cancer Institute. The focus of research is the genetic cause of cancer and there is a link with the two forces that drive this man: his family and his religion. The institute is making use of the vast resources of the Mormon church's genealogical library to trace genetic histories. It is a link that must trouble the plastics tycoon. Both of his parents died of cancer and Huntsman himself has battled with prostate and mouth cancer.

Can this relentless expansion continue? Huntsman is a Huntsman seems determined to pass on his vast empire to his grandchildren but a much better legacy for him would be a cure for the disease that has afflicted his family.

BUSINESS LETTER

Euro and UK interest rates

From Mr Walter Grey Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (Economic View, April 13) rightly took Wim Duisenberg, President of the European Central Bank, to task not only for gratuitously foreclosing an option by publicly promising no further cut in euro interest rates, but above all for disdaining any kind of "contra-cyclical" or "cy-clically oriented" monetary policy, when maintenance of price stability by means of a counter-cyclical interest rate cycle, or a policy of constantly leaning against the wind, in fact represents anyone's best hope of banishing the econom-

ic (boom-bust) cycle at last. Where Mr Kaletsky went wrong, however, was in drawing a parallel between the present strength of the pound, despite successive cuts in UK interest rates, based on the high level of worldwide confidence in British economic management and political stability", on the one hand, and the pound's previous strength in the late 1980s, prior to its en-try into the European exchange-rate mechanism, following the excruciatingly high interest rates needed to curb the Lawson boom's inflation-

ary excesses, on the other. There being no true analogy between those two positions. and given the striking difference made by Britain's new. stability-oriented fiscal as well as monetary policy regimes. Mr Kaletsky's conclusion that in coming months, "the difference between British and Euro pean interest rates will widen to the detriment of the convergence needed for the pound's eventual entry into the euro. seems far from certain. Yours faithfully,

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Paris match

THE big City law firms are under attack in Paris for their habit of poaching senior locals for salaries undreamt of in French legal circles. This process has been going on for some time as Anglo-Saxon firms move into Europe but matters have come to a head with a series of high-profile hirings.

The French are accusing the Brits of anything from commercial imperialism to being obsessed with money and unconcerned with the damage they are doing to the legal system. Gide Loyrette Nouel. France's biggest practice, has already abandoned a ten-year



link with our own Allen & Overy in protest.

Now the French firm, smarting from the latest defection of two partners to Linklaters & Paines's burgeoning pan-European venture, has called a crisis meeting of senior staff to decide what can be done.

The meeting did come up with one firm resolution. A senior partner at Gide was asked to resign. So that's how you deal with staff defections.

J HEAR Michael Hardern, the increasingly eccentric scourge of the mutuals, was thrown out of the Soho branch of Barclays Bank yesterday for causing trouble.

Hardern was later heard to tell listeners at the Portland Building Society meeting that he was told to leave — after he went up to the counter and demanded to be made Barclays's new chief executive.

Uplifting
AS THE merger with Deut-

sche Bank nears, the top brass at Bankers Trust get sillier and sillier. A while back staff were solemnly instructed on how to address Germans.



Now a bizarre questionnaire has arrived by e-mail. Staff are asked about their personal tastes. Favourite

songs, old movies, pets - but it gets worse. "Most interesting view from your desk" and favourite desk ornament", for example. And how about "standard elevator greeting"? As in "Hello, lift!" I suppose.

I ask my informant what sort of person spends their time thinking up such rubbish. "God only knows, but the terrifying thing is they and their kind are taking over."

EARLIER this week I reproduced a paragraph of gibber-ish with which the organisers chose to promote National Construction Week. I hear the launch yesterday was equally

fraught with trouble for the rear cleavage brigade. They couldn't work the high-tech screen, and anyway someone had forgotten to rewind the video of John Prescott's prepared speech.

So Nick Raynsford, Construction Minister, decided to take questions. As he started, the head of Prescott appeared on the screen and bellowed: "Good morning." At which, Raynsford commented wryly: "Ah! His Master's voice."

Driven away SIMON FREAKLEY, senior

partner of corporate undertakers Buchler Phillips, has long boosted his street credibility by living in Peckham. After 12 years of slumming it, he recently decided to go up in the world and moved to South Kensington.

Two weeks later his Mercedes, which had survived unmolested in Peckham, was stolen.

IF YOU have tears to shed. shed them for Ronald Dillon. director of international operations at COLT Telecom, who does not seem to have appreciated the high regard the stock

market has for his company. The accounts show that he exercised options and then sold 160,000 shares at about £2.60 in February last year. Earlier this year the price peaked at well over £13. He could have made an extra £1.7 million.

Rabbit stew MORE tears, for the unnamed

owners of the rabbit cruelly slain by Transco, the gas pipe-line business. This sensitive bunny keeled over and died of a heart attack after workmen started drilling in its road.

The company offered to replace the rabbit but the owner went to the Gas Consumers Council and claimed for the vet's fees and other expenses. If it died of a heart attack, though, why did they need a

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RECOMMENDED THIS WEEKEND

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

GREEK MYTHS: The lirst of three concerts by the City of London Sintonia under Richard Hickox which locus on muse unspired by classical mythology while simultaneously paying tribute to Richard Strauss. The UK premiere of Strauss's edition of Mozart's Idomeneo, tonight, has Kurt Strat singing the title role.
Barbican (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. (5)

HUSHABYE MOUNTAIN: Jonathar Harvey's bittersweet correctly about a relationship broken by Alda. Some scenes set in Heaven, where Judy Garlend welcomes the dead partner. Hampstead (0171-722 9301).

Opens tonight, 7pm. (5)

MAKING NOISE QUIETLY: Dominic Dromgoole's Ordord Stage Co opens a London season with Robert Holman's much praised trilogy of short plays where strangers meet at a time of war. Eleanor Bron heads the cast. Deborah Bruce directs.
Whitehall Theetre (0171-369 1735, Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Monday, 7pm.

ONYX BRASS: This energetic young chamber ensemble, made up of ex-principal players from the National Youth Orchestra of Greal Britain, plays Tallie, Monteverdi, Purcell, Bach and Brahms before signing off with a sense of 20th-century pieces. with a senes of 20th-century piec Wigmore Heli (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm, (5)

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The Royal Philhar-monic Orchastra opens its visit here with Strauss's modestly-scaled Obos



Richard Hickox conducts Strauss at the Barbican

substantial Seventh Symphony. Neeme Järvi conducts. Symphony Hall (0121-212 3383). Sunday, 8pm. (5)

BOLTON: In Martha, Josle and the Cheese Evis, Charlotte Jones's comedy of surprises, tie changes for Josle at her 60th birthday party. Lawrence Tail directs. Octagon (01204-520661). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. (§)

EDINBURGH: Stifft is a new musical by and starming Forbes Masson as a monumental mason who makes a Faustian pact with a devil called Neville and is hurtled to fame. Royal Lyceum (0131-229 9697). Opens tonight, 7.45pm.

NEW WEST END SHOWS

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London III House full, returns only $\overline{\bf k}$ Some seats available \Box Seats at all prices

N CANDIDE: Great songs in Bernstein's musical drawn from Voltaire.
John Caird and Trevor Numin direct excellent cast led by Daniel Evans Alex Kelly and Simon Russell Bea Olivier (0171-452 3000).

THE NEW ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Jason Donovan plays Frank'n Furter. Perhaps the show has improved since Barmingham last year Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317).

☐ ESCAPE FROM PTERADACTYL ISLAND: Award-winning American musical based on the genre of early sc-li novels, with new rock'n' roll sense the based in the process. songs from Michael Jeffery. Pleasance Theatre (0171-609 1800).

☐ SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER: Sheila Gish plays the venomous mother and Rachel Weisz the traumatised wile in lamous Tennessee Williams shocker. Comedy Theatre (0171-369 1731). ☐ TALES OF A CITY: Life after a cata-strophe, told as a mixture of dreams

and memories by Macedonian writer Goran Stevenovski. Sandy Maberley directs for Theatre Melange. Warehouse, Croydon (0181-680 #060).

☐ BLOOD KNOT: Gordon Chase and Barry Wallman star in an excep-ionsity good production of Athol Fugard's celebrated black and white brothers drama. Writing Judd directs. Riverside Studios (0181-237 1111).

☐ THE COLONEL BIRD: Interesting play by Bulgarian author Hristo Boy-tchev where funatics take over an asylum and invite recognition by NATO. Strong performances in Rupert Goold's production. Gate (0171-229 0706).

☐ THE GIN GAME: Dorothy Tutin and Joss Ackland play old folk in a retrement home whose card-playing styles echo their sad lives. Frith Banbury directs a surprising Pulitzer Savoy (0171-836 8888). 🔊

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

James Christopher's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES AN IDEAL HUSBAND (PG): Offver

Wilde's ever-fashionable play is hijacked by Rupert Everett's madly charming Lord Goring, With Jeremy Northam and Cate Blanchett.

HAPPINESS (18):Gripping black comedy about dismal urban attempt to find happiness. Todd Solondz's film walks an edgy line betwee RETURN TO PARADISE (15): HETURN TO PARADISE (15): Joseph Ruben's criss of conscience film is only a littul suspense about two American buddles who lace year in a Malaysian prison if they return to help their condemned buddy. With

Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche. PROMETHEUS (15): Tony Harrison's errouse in recording to a work of surreal dense film-poem is a work of surreal genius, and endless layers. Michael Fesst is compelling as Zaus's flumly who looks at what we have achieved and destroyed, with his stolen fire.

ACTRESSES (15): Three famous Catalonian stage actresses stir up old jealousies. Too stagey, too self-conscious. Has the dramatic impetus of a slug. A static self-indulgent piece

CURRENT

A CIVIL ACTION (15): Meaby court-room drama with John Travolta and Robert Duvall in sparking form as two sharts in a multi-million dollar case about loose dumping. Steven Zallian directs. SEDROOMS & HALLWAYS (15):

Playtul romantic comedy about male bonding with Simon Callow splendidi miscast as a hatrosexual New Age svengall. Rose Troche directs.

NO (15): Robert Lepage's supple, black comedy forms a psychedela chain of coincidences between a Canadian actress and her bomb-

Parisian kiss in the park

DANCE: Nadine Meisner reports

on the highlights of a glittering new Paris Opera Ballet season

t used to be said that French ballet had the superlative dancers, but British ballet had the repertoire. On the evidence of the past few weeks the Paris Opera Ballet has the repertoire as well. Three programmes, dividing the company between the Garnier and Bastille theatres, encompassed old and new choreography at its most potent, and showcased the daz-zling versatility of dancers able to switch from conventional to radical, from drama to ab-A Balanchine/Robbins bill

paid homage to two masters of a modern classicism that has been around long enough to start looking traditional. But stylistic categories are blunt tools, and anyway disintegrat-ed with the other two programmes. Angelin Preljocaj blends the gestures and inversions of a contemporary demotic with ballet and 18th-century social dance in his magnificent Le Parc, created on the company five years ago and packing the Bastille theatre. Thierry Leproust's sets for each of the three acts are stunning, evoking a formal garden that is as allegorical as Preljo-caj's action. This is nature tarned by four futuristic gardeners, the henchmen of a controlling sky, now full of thunderous clouds, now a midnight canvas magically dusted

Like the topiary and the accompanying Mozart music, the men and women are harnessed by a strict code of orderly geometries, but sex and emotion rampage underneath. At first the women play Marivaux's cross-dressing games of misleading appearances; later, corseted in their voluminous gowns, they swoon, overcome more by their repressed desires than the summer's heat. And throughout is the suspense of whether Isabelle Guerin's Princesse de Cleves will succumb to Laurent Hilaire's seducer. They are the company's most glamorous couple, and when they do make love in the final pas de deux, you realise that for the

with the Milky Way.

first time a choreographer has transcended dance's artificiality to convey convincingly the eroticism, emotion and abandon of sex, without sacrificing beauty or poetry. The sublime image of Guerin whirled round by Hilaire in a long kiss will stay with me for ever. Guerin featured prominent-

ly in all three programmes. In the Garnier's William Forsythe bill, she with Hilaire. Manuel Legris and Carole Arbo formed the two couples of his new Woundwork. Two duets evolving simultaneously but rarely mixing. Woundwork finds its aural equivalent in Thom Willems's adagio score, neo-classicism transmuted by tension, the sound tight-ened to its highest and thinnest pitch. The women are half traditional ballerinas, half reforming spirits, as signalled by their asymmetrical skirts, one side stiffened like a tutu.

he programme marks Forsythe's first return to the POB since 1987 when he created In the middle, somewhat elevated (also on the programme). This had celebrated the company's supercharged virtuosity and Pas. / parts does so again. A fireworks marathon, it gives democratic prominence to a sprinkling of étoiles and to members of the lowly echelons such as the leggy Peggy Grelat. The choreography was apparently built from a single phrase (the pas), varied, proliferated and scattered into solos. duos and group dances. Yet you wouldn't know it: the idiosyncratic sections, each with a shift in Willems's music, arrive like a procession of different wildlife species. Nicolas Le Riche, the company's most exciting male étoile. flexes his silky power and performs a sensational solo.

Forsythe's recent work for his own Frankfurt Ballet, on display in the Paris suburb of Bobigny, also suggests a renewed emphasis on his ballet roots. Workwithinwork (1998) perhaps takes its title from the fact that Luciano Berio's accompanying Duetti for two vio-



grams on the backdrop; the 20 dancers form a choreographic organism ceaselessly elaborating and reshaping itself.

manticism, ecstasy and playfulness should not surprise. Enlarged from four to 11 dancers for the Frankfurt version.

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the string players of Willems's score (played live, like Berio's). The dancers do not share the POB glossy perfection of physique and technique, but their individuality added colour to an evening lacking contrast.

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s the cake was wheeled on, orchestra and chorus struck up with Happy Birthday, but could not agree on a rallentando. Sir Neville Marriner, the 75thbirthday boy, had to pick up the baton to see them through. Then he blew out the candles. the audience filed out, beaming brightly, and a party began on the stage.

Standards must be slipping, you may think, if the Academy of St Martin in the Fields can-not play Happy Birthday. But everything else in this gala in honour of the Academy's founder went as expected. The string tone was smooth as velvet, the phrasing dapper as Marriner's well-fitting suit. The repertoire wore a familiar smile, too: one of Mozart's cud-



dliest symphonies (Haffner), Mendelssohn's gossamer Midsummer Night's Dream, and nothing more daring than Britten's Serenade for tenor, horn and strings of 1943. The soloists here were tenor

John Mark Ainsley (pure and exact), Timothy Brown (magi-cally navigating his part's difficulties), and a cougher who wisely remained anonymous after sabotaging the final horn call. Any tenor who tackles the Serenade must cope with the ghost of Peter Pears, the work's first interpreter. Ainsley held his own, sad or nimble as the words demanded: though his chilly sounds in the Dirge did seem weak recompense for Pears's agonised fire. The fire. The instrumentalists, however, threw little away: the silver-toned horn and moonstruck strings made the Nocturne a particular pleasure. Mendelssohn's Midsummer

Night's Dream music continued the nocturnal theme. The Academy was in its element, proving once again Mendelssohn's skill at matching his incidental music of 1843 to the youthful overture written nearly 20 years before. Marriner's band flitted deliciously on elfin wings; brayed like an ass: and got married with pomp in the Wedding March.

Before all these, there was the Haffner. One audience they do delightfully.

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them to settle in one of Britain's

glamorous resorts. After Bay-

watch, why not Herne Bay Watch?

it makes sense. Wasn't Chris

Smith complaining recently that British soap operas are too dowdy

My preference would have been

Cromer. True, the Norfolk resort is

not noted for sun or surf, let alone

silicone implants. And a few minor

costume changes would have been

required - namely the replacing of

thimble-sized swimsuits with the

anoraks and thermal trousers tra-

ditionally sported on British beach-

es in midsummer. But think of the

storylines if Baywatch's lissom life-

to interest the rest of the world?

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to honour the great god Hype.
Disney led the field, spending a
massive \$323 million in 1998 on promoting its films just inside America. Warner Bros wasn't far behind, at \$268 million. Hollywood as a whole spent \$2 billion on marketing films in the US. Worldwide, however, the figure may be twice that. Indeed, the Motion Picture Association of America tells us that the average advertising budget of a single Hollywood movie is now a staggering \$25.3 million. Three points occur to me -

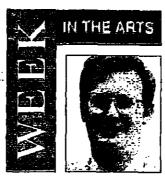
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fession more sickeningly overpaid than m'learned friends at the Bar. it is m'stoned friends in the advertising industry. But I digress. The first point is that the disparity between what Hollywood spends on selling its movies and what is available to British producers is now so huge as to be unbridgeable. That is why the most successful "British" movies - British in cast, crew, production and concept — turn out to be American-financed, with all the

profits flowing back west. In short, it isn't the cost of making films that is prohibitive to us; it's the cost of persuading punters to view them. That point still hasn't percolated through to those (notably HM Government) who naively agine that the lottery will bankroll a renaissance in British film. What the lottery is bankrolling is a plethora of underpromoted efforts

consciousness. Many won't be screened at all, for cinema managers are increasingly reluctant to screen films that aren't turbo-propelled into prominence by stonking great advertising campaigns.

The second point is that Hollywood's vast promotion budget doesn't just buy advertising space. It also buys favourable coverage. I don't mean that journalists are blatantly corrupt. Perish the thought! But nice little inducements are on hand — facilities trips to exotic locations, "access" to stars in plush, faraway hotels -- for hacks who produce the correct sort of golly-gosh puffery. It all helps to keep the hype wagon rolling merrily along
— and to marginalise proper film criticism. That is a state of affairs which newspapers must ponder hard if they want intelligent readers to trust their film coverage.



RICHARD MORRISON

And the final point? It is that Hollywood's gargantuan publicity ma-chines don't just put pressure on other film-makers. They impinge on all art forms. Theatres, orchestras, galleries, restaurants, opera houses: all must compete to win what hip American economists call the leisure dollar". I don't know

about you, but I have only a finite amount of leisure dollars, and a great many of them seem to end up in the small but tenacious hands of my children - who then part with them (it seems to me) entirely in accordance with the dictates of the newest Hollywood hype to hit the hoardings of Hendon. This is a process that is repeated in millions of households across the world. No wonder that serious culture is

struggling to be noticed. What's to be done? Well, we could educate our children to marvel at the subtle intricacies of music. painting and drama, to form their own cultural tastes and not be swayed by global assaults of hyperbolic tripe, to be actively creative and not passively consumerist. But that does not seem to fit in with Mr Blunkett's educational priorities. So onwards the Hollywood publicity machines roll: awesome, ubiquitous, irresistible. I'm not bitter

about it - just bemused that, in an age when people strive so hard to assert their individuality in other ways, a small bunch of impresarios in Los Angeles has apparently found the key that unlocks the herd instinct in the whole of mankind.

lectual end of Holly-wood, I see that the producers of that estimable TV series Baywatch have decided to transfer their delightful divertissement of sun, surf and silicone implants to Hawaii. The Pacific paradise has apparently just pipped Australia to the prize of hosting this seminal cultural icon of the late 20th century. It's very sad. If the beach babes with the bouncing bountifuls had to be transferred at all from their native habitat of southern Califor-

eanwhile, up at the intel-

guards were relocated to the cafe on Cromer Pier! Why, the show could even be retitled Traywatch. Oh well, it's too late now. The producers have opted for Hawaii. where doubtless the plots will disintegrate into dreary processions of practically naked young women, 100mph car chases and underwater harpoon fights with savage packs of sharks. I doubt very much nia, my secret hope was that our own gorgeously endowed Culture Secretary would have induced whether I shall watch after the first

Deep pain in the rainforest

f vou were asked to cite an instance of personal trauma transmuted into terrific drama, you would very likely come up with a play or plays by the mad, misogynistic Strindberg or the stricken O'Neill; but, as Sean Mathias's fine revival proves, Tennessee Williams's relatively obscure Suddenly Last Summer would make an impressive answer.

At the Cornedy the piece occurs in a jungle in which giant artichokes appear to be copulating with twisted sea-urchins and vast Venus fly-traps with scorpions; and the jungle is not only Tim Hatley's imaginative idea of a garden in neo-Gothic New Orleans, but Williams's head as he felt it and Williams's world as he

Back in 1957 Williams wrote the play against his shrink's advice while in mid-therapy; and he packed it with key obsessions. He always felt that his prim Southern mother had destroyed his troubled sister. allowing her to be lobotomised simply to silence the obscenities she sometimes uttered. And here is Violet Venable, in Sheila Gish's chilling performance a purple-dressed, gingerwigged blend of matriarchal vulture, antique belle and stony Medusa, insisting that a pioneering young surgeon grab her niece, Rachel Weisz's THEATRE

Catharine, and "cut this hideous story out of her brain". And what's the hideous, ob-

scene story? Well, it involves the death of Violet's cosseted son Sebastian, a poet who shared restlessness, promiscuity, even a growing taste for young blond men with Wilhams himself. Last summer his self-destructiveness led to his destruction, as the dramatist's friends feared would be the case with him. Catharine's wits have been churned by seeing his awful end, and his mother is willing to use bribes, blackmail, anything to ensure she can never again de-

scribe it. The dramatic tension comes from two obvious sources. What happened that grim day in distant Cabeza de Lobo, and will Violet's wealth combine with the self-interest of Catharine's boorish family to prevent the facts emerging? But what keeps you spellbound is surely the quality of Williams's writing. There are two long monologues almost unmatched in drama for poetic power. First, Gish makes you

feel the terror of the bleak volcanic island where she and Sebastian coolly watched killerbirds devouring newly hatched turtles as they ran to the sea. Then, Weisz vividly relives the white-hot afternoon in the white-painted town where the white-suited Sebastian was - well, let's just say that Williams came up with as extreme a metaphor for atonement as even his sense of guilt

could concoct. Sebastian, who never appears, sounds spoilt, greedy, even depraved, but unflinching in his quest for truth. Yet you never feel that Williams is merely confessing his own sins or analysing his personal psychopathology. It's a true story of our time

and the world we live in." declares Weisz; and you believe her. Partly that is because she effectively transforms herself from a baffled human butterfly, crying "you want to bore a hole in my skull and turn a knife in my brain" as she flutters round the Venable rainforest, into a witness who blends quiet intensity with authority. But mainly it is because Williams had the human sympathy and metaphysical scope to look cruelty in the face - and make an unforget-

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decade, nas 1ew e large stage provides him with a grand setting for musicals. but with the far smaller cast of Webster's gory tragedy he sensitively uses the depths of space to enhance relationships, or against a great sweep

of curtain places one actor to emphasise isolation. His designer here is Emma Donovan, who creates at the rear of the stage an ecclesiastical façade above a flight of steps, able to serve as the background to a street scene, a courtroom or the interior of the Vatican. Jenny Cane (lighting designer) pierces the space with overhead lights diffused through mist, and in the sinister magic show directs white and red beams from below the

stage, past the face of bad Lord

Brachiano until they are lost

in the murk above. Even in the

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of the National Youth

Theatre's three-hour

marathon at the Battersea

Arts Centre, is a new play by Daragh Carville set in Belfast,

Nigel Cliff writes. More pre-

cisely, it is set in a skip. Living

in the skip is Franco, a self-

styled comedian who has been

dumped (geddit?) by his girl-friend Julie. Franco thinks

that taking up residence

among other unwanted ob-

jects is just the sort of witty pun likely to win her back.

Unfortunately, the skip has already been claimed by local

crusty Nick. Fortunately, Nick

is desperate to be funny, so in

return for some coaching he

promises to help Franco to win

his girlfriend back. They both

You can imagine Carville be-

ing so pleased with the

dumped-skip joke that he de-

cided to weave a whole play

around it. Predictably, the re-

sult is contrived. Most of the

fail. That's it.

second half, when the plotting becomes over-complicated, the sequence of spectacular tableaux continues to the end.

T.S. Eliot famously decided that Webster "was much possessed by death" and ten characters do die onstage. But what the performance by Kerryson's cast brings out yet more clearly is Webster's neurotic fear of women. All the bad characters are worse than Vittoria, the "white devil" of the title, yet anyone who wants to attack her, whether this be brother, lover, mother, servant, duke, lawyer or cardinal, delves deep into their mental

dictionaries of sexual abuse and hurls the worst at her. Of course her principal crime is that she fights back. Gabrielle Drake brings to the role a languorous, confident

A sa creator of theatrical spectacle Paul Kerry-son, the Haymarket's Revenge of a she-devil

mischievous smile, and how sweetly, as Brachiano says, she speaks her artful dream inciting him to murder. But when brought before the Cardinal's court she will not be

Florence, memorably aghast cowed, and Drake masterfully blunt, bold Brachiano. charts her artful course be-Ian Pepperell looks mean tween outrage and appeal. The misogyny is underlined by the glimpse Kerryson gives us of a youth in some undress

and mercurial as Vittoria's malcontent brother Flamineo. although it is not easy to pick a way through the zigzags of his plotting. However, there is energy in the production, though wandering through the Cardinal's apartments, and by a smoothly spoken performance some pruning of the rhetoric from David Leonard as His would be a good thing. Eminence, fond of turning on

JEREMY KINGSTON

swirl. Claude Close makes a

strongly authoritative Duke of

A war without peace

his new play by Goran Stefanovski could hardly come at a more poignant time. Set both in London where Stefanovski, one of the leading playwrights of the former Yugoslavia, is now permanently resident - and a bombed-out Sarajevo, it paints a stark picture of the suffering inflicted on the soul as well as the body when a community is rent by civil war. At its centre is Sara (Madle-

na Nedeva), a political asylum-seeker who wanders distraught and exhausted into a London shelter. There she is tended to by an eccentric as-sortment of misfits and victims, themselves trying to retain some dignity in the face of their own small privations and humiliations.

In her troubled sleep these new faces merge with memories of her former friends in Sarajevo, suffering and stand-ing firm together as their city is ravaged around them. Rudy, the petty tyrant of a caretaker (a suitably snarling John O'Mahony), likewise mutates into her former lover, subsequently one of Sarajevo's de-



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and homeless suggests that given the chance, atrocities can happen anywhere. Stefanovski finds many moving moments. "I didn't know I had a nation till all this started. Now it's your nation against mine," says Sara to her estranged lover. The precious seconds of normal life snatched amid a background of ever-present fear - a birthday picnic is brutally disrupted by gunfire - are brushed in with a delicate wash of melancholy joy. But for all the play's night-

mare-ridden depiction of painful memories filtered through a haze of suffering, his characters' stories are enigmatic bordering on the opaque, which tends to confuse unnecessarily. And while no one can doubt the almost painful pertinence of the play's admonitions about repeating the mistakes of the past. I have to say, too, that I found it all too portentous and over-larded with symbolism to be really dramatical-

ly involving.
Theatre Melange's tightly choreographed production tells the story with dance, song and poetry as well as a score for percussion by Xun Yin Dong, who adds in atmospher-ic effects on hauntingly shiver-ing xylophone and warlike drums. The ensemble cast deliver their lines with a rapt, in-

cantatory intensity. This heightened, non-naturalistic style certainly suits the play. But it is not strongly physical or visual enough to add much meat to its meaning, and so is sometimes in danger of looking merely af-

NIGEL CLIFF characters - Julie, her new

marketing consultant boygrumpy girlfriend Liz - wanreason and to little effect. There are a few flashes of

Kissing Angels, a devised piece by Maggie Kinloch, Pethe wife-beating factory worker and the lonely old grannie.



friend David and Nick's der on and off for no very good

wit and some sparky repartee between Sam Riley as Franco and Christopher Campbell as Nick. And there is a point lurking somewhere: that going through life delivering faintly amusing monologues is not a recipe for happiness. The performances are all enjoyable, but the young cast does not have quite enough confident charm to lift this material.

ter Collins and the company, is more rewarding. Its cast of 21 split and reform into small groups, each representing a different type — the hard-drinking male student, the party girl, the keen-as-mustard middle-management trainee, It all adds up to a thorough trawl through teenage anxieties and the need for freedom with nurture. There is some alarmingly high-flown stuff about being kissed by an angel and the like, but the ensemble acting is vivacious and wellhoned, and the production whirls along.

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It's tough at the top, as the Cardigans are discovering. But exhaustion won't stop the biggest Swedes since Abba

Losing their favourite game?

thrived on culture clashes. And, after taking one look at the Cardigans' dressing rooms at Top of the Pops, you im-mediately understand why the Swedish five-piece have been quietly knocking out some of the past two summers' most perfect pop-The boys' room is a student's bedsit via Calcutta: trousers and guitars all over the floor; the drummer asleep on the bursting sofa, and 12 congealing curries lying untouched on the table. The whole room minges of turmeric, cigarettes and

The dressing room of the Cardigans' lead singer. Nina Persson, on the other hand, is like an Estée Lauder clinic: diffused lighting, a bunch of lilies on the table, and approximately all the make-up in the world laid neatly out in front of a huge bulb-framed mirror. It's like stepping from a Third World shed into the Light.

And yet, when the band leave their respective bolt-holes and symbolically come together in the roaring smoky joy of the Top of the Pops bar, it becomes apparent things are a little more complicated than that. Persson turns out to have a thing for stinky old bikers' trousers, while her co-songwriter, Peter Svenson, is a fluffy, unashamed romantic who believes that love "can make you a better person".

"Hmmnmm. I've learnt you can never change people," Persson counters, girnlet-eyed, staring mo-rosely into her mineral water. "You end up exhausted, and the other person ends up bitter." A small, sad silence descends on the Cardigans'

The band have just come off a month-long tour of America. Ever since the dizzy, dandelion fluff of Lovefool ("Love me, love me!/Say that you love me!" was featured in the Leonardo DiCaprio vehicle



CAITLIN MORAN

three million copies worldwide, the Cardigans have been caught up in global schedule exhaustion. This touring-induced nihilism becomes apparent on listening to their post-Lovefool album, Gran Turismo: a sleek, hard-edged thing made for driving, neon and the kind of despair you don't have time to attend to. Both My Favourite Game and Erase/Rewind, two more recent singles, have had the metallic tang of stadiums about them. It's Ingmar Bergman dressing Garbage in

owever, as a consequence of Lovefool and the subsequent darker album, the Cardigans have been interviewed for a year and a half on the basis of two questions: "What's Leonardo DiCaprio like?" and "So, you want to kill yourselves? This is why they are slumped around the bar table like caged animals waiting to be bored

So, having gathered they couldn't give a tinker's cuss for Di-Caprio, and aren't planning to off themselves immediately - they're on Top of the Pops in 30 minutes it feels like an appropriate time to deploy my greatest band-livening weapon: the Trouser Question.

"How much would I be prepared to spend on a really lovely pair of trousers?" Persson repeats, be-mused. "Well, I actually was almost prepared to pay \$1,200. They were beautiful!" She has the dreamy look a woman gets on her face when her brain has just turned into a catalogue. "Stitched leather with a crusader cross on each thigh. I'm not sure I would ever have worn them - I think I would have just hung them on the wall. They were wonderful, weren't they?" Svenson nods. The entire band were obviously overcome by the magnificence of the trousers.

"I think I prefer biker trousers, though." Persson leans back in her chair. "Real dirty padded biker trousers. Ones that make your ass look terribly huge, so you look like a hillbilly, you look like an elk."

Well, it's not every day you learn that one of the most lusted-after women in pop knows what an elk's bottom looks like in leather biker trousers. But then, it sounds as if you have to make your own amusement in the Cardigans' home town of Jönköping, a town so catatonically dull that its only notable feature is its 52 churches, situated in a country so deathly quiet that even royal-ty is reputed to go on awesome benders to relieve the tedium. "I felt quite patriotic when I heard that." Svenson beams.

So, you're looking forward to getting home? "Well, kind of," Svenson replies. "But on the other hand, I worked out yesterday that if we carry on doing as well as we are, I can probably afford to retire in five years. And I don't want to. I want to carry on for ever." I look around at the rest of the

band slumped around the table, knackered and depressed. "Hey, you guys." I snitch. "Peter wants to carry on for ever." "But of course," Persson says, looking puzzled. "So do we."

● The Cardigans play Glasgow Barrow-lands on April II; Manchester Academy (April 28): London Albert Hall (April 29): Belfast Botanical Gardens (May 2):



A breathless hush in the close

he pairing of a jazz saxo-phonist with a classical vocal group might once have seemed like a mischievous conceit. But, with the remarkable success of Officium in 1994, Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard Ensemble turned an eccentric thought into a self-evident truth. And now, five years on, they have reunited to give the European premiere of a new work, entitled Mne-

The basic formula remains the same: the willowy interweaving of four male voices with soprano and tenor sax. But where Officium drew its material from a relatively narrow place and time, Mne-

mosyne draws from a time-span a hundred years before the birth of Christ to the present day, from Estonian lullabies to Basque folk-songs. And where before it was only the Norwegian saxophonist Jan Garbarek who improvised, this time the Hilliard Ensemble occasionally extem-

Despite these innovations. the result is similar: a drifting. shimmering soundscape. This is not music bent upon making a specific point; it is music intent upon creating an effect. And these effects are sometimes spectacularly beautiful. particularly when the performers use the acoustics of the

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building, making King's College Chapel a sixth instrutenor David James left the platform and began to move through the audience, singing as he went. Voices and sax began a disembodied conversation, which ebbed and flowed across the audience.

There were several mo-

bination of musical genres made a perfect but surprising sense moments when the sound was more than the sum of its parts: the rumbling voices and lilting saxophone that opened the concert, and the glorious extended fade-out

But there were other times when it was the components, rather than the whole, that caught the attention. These occurred when the singers and the saxophonist were playing to different rules. Sometimes Garbarek's interjections seemed to be offering a cheeky commentary on the Hilliard Ensemble's formal perform-

ance: on other occasions his

flurry of notes seemed to tug and pull impatiently at the constraints which bound the singers. It was almost as if Garbarek was offering the subconscious subtext to the singing, revealing the emotional up-

You felt that the Hilliards should fight back, should lift their voices in response. But even in their restrained, respectful formality, these moments produced a sound which had a sinewy grace and elegance, and which fully justified this still surprising alli-

JOHN STREET



ith little in common besides the fact that each has recently won jazz's most prestigious award. Denmark's Jazzpar Prize, the French pianist Mar-tial Solal and US guitarist Jim Hall constituted a pleasantly varied double bill, the former all virtuosic wit and impish charm, the latter all subtlety and easy grace.

Solal came to international jazz prominence the old-fashioned way: by slowly building a reputation courtesy of his late 1940s onwards, backing visiting and expatriate Americans such as Don Byas, Lucky Thompson and Sidney Bechet as well as locals like Django Reinhardt. Such experience has made his approach to standards utterly individual: Here's That Rainy Day became a stately but discursive meander with frequent detours; Summertime was handled in pass-the-parcel fashion, the tricksy improvisation begun by Solal, then moving to bassist François Moutin be-fore being taken up by drum-

mer Louis Moutin. A solo Caravan, delightfully fragmented, provided a fascinating contrast with the rambunctious tour de force it used to become in the late Michel Petrucciani's hands: Satin Doll again relied heavily on the Moutins taking the improviser's baton smoothly from Solal. Leavened with some typically idiosyncratic Solal originals, this was a wholly accessible yet dense and rich trio set packed with dry humour but performed with great brio.

Jim Hall, by contrast, conceals rather than parades his art. On first acquaintance, his solos sound almost hesitant -

Martial arts and craft



the tonal distortion, flamboyant runs and power chords of many contemporary electric guitarists form no part of his musical vocabulary — but then Hall's catchphrase has always been "Listening is the

building his warm, smoky so-los carefully and thoughtfully, feeding off Hall's gentle prompting and lightly but firmly propelled by Scott Col-ley's agile bass and Terry Clarke's brisk drums. The band's material — a deli-

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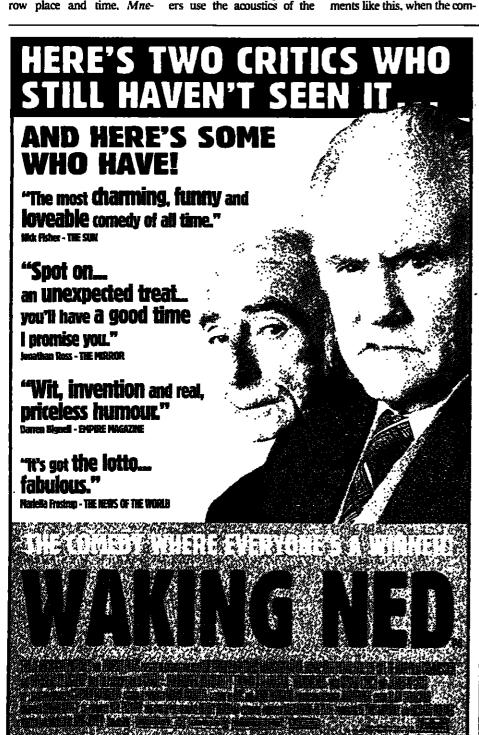
key", and some of his most tell-

ing playing occurs almost un-

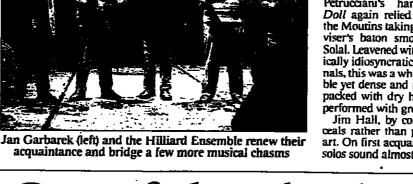
heard, behind others' soloing. Chris Potter, on tenor, proved the perfect foil in this respect.

cately wafting Brazilian theme, the odd deconstructed standard, a couple of graceful blues and a closing nod to Bill Frisell - may have been relatively unremarkable; the controlled elegance and understated intelligence of its performance, though, were every bit as impressive as the sparkiness and sly ebullience of Solal.

CHRIS PARKER



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Out of the shadows

DENYS BAPTISTE Be Where You Are

(Dune Records DUNECD03) HAVING spent the past few years lending his rich, powerful tenor sound to the bands of drummer Caroline Taylor and bassist Gary Crosby (both Jazz Jamaica and Nu Troop), not to mention J-Life and the Jazz Warriors, Denys Baptiste was more than ready for Be Where You Are, his debut recording as a leader, Chris Parker writes.

This lively album was worth the wait. Baptiste's own compositions range from the appropriately burly Rollinstone, dedicated to one of his chief influences, to groove music and sensuous ballads that showcase his affecting, warbling sound to perfection. But he also performs an in-

triguingly Latinised version of

Coltrane's Naima and contrib-

utes some telling tenor com-

ments to the album's only vo-

NEW JAZZ ALBUMS

ing, prayerful visit to Stevie Wonder's Have a Talk With

With vigorous support from pianist Andrew McCormack, bassist Larry Bartley and drummers Daniel Crosby and Tom Skinner, this album demonstrates why Baptiste has just been chosen to represent the United Kingdom at next month's European Broadcasting Festival.

BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET Requiem

(Columbia 069655 2) DEDICATED to Branford Marsalis's pianist Kenny Kirkland, whose sudden death left this album unfinished (although the unavoidable use of first takes gives it a pleasingly informal feel throughout), Requiem is the American tenor

player's first quartet outing since he recorded Crazy People Music.

Those expecting the hectic, tumbling rumbustiousness of much of that album, however, will be surprised by the overall tone of this later recording. since much of it is inspired by the work of one of Marsalis's favourite musicians, Keith Jarrett. Alongside the floating Jarrett tribute Lykief and the slow-building Paul Motian theme Trieste there are flashes of the roilingly intense Marsalis quartet of old. drummer Jeff Tain" Watts in particular throwing "a bucket of kerosene into the incinerator" -- to use producer Delleayo Marsalis's memorable phrase whenever possible.

But generally the considerable excitement generated by the music relies more on the subtlety of group interaction. dynamic and textural contrast, than on the straightforward energy and power of yore.



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And the lads line up for a Reef kick

There's a refreshing whiff of the 1970s about Reef —

not that the band know it. David Sinclair reports

f the secret of creative success lies in keeping the inner child alive. then Reef are clearly doing better than most. Wandering out one sunny spring morning on to a strip of artificial turf at the back of their North London rehearsal studios, the four musicians come across a gang of scruffy 12-year-old kids kicking a football around.

"Can we join fin?" asks Reef's famously long-haired singer Gary Stringer, cheerful-ly. "Piss off, hippies," comes the swift reply.

The band take this rebuff

philosophically and move on to another group of young-sters, who prove less hostile. And so, for the next half an hour, the 25-year-old Stringer (a supporter of Wolverhampion Wanderers), drummer Dominic Greensmith (28, Ipswich Town), guitarist Kenwyn House (28, Southampton - "a painful admission", given the club's parious situation at the bottom of the Premiership) and bass player Jack Bessant (28, non-aligned) charge around the pitch, stripped to the waist, like the overgrown

boys they basically still are. As one of the most obstinately old-school rock n'roll bands that England has produced in the 1990s — and one of the most successful - Reef have been called worse than "hip-pies". Having grown up to-gether in the area around Glastonbury in rural Somerset, they have been portrayed as country bumpkins and are often typecast as heavy-rock neanderthals caught in a

We've stayed around and we're as respected or disrespected as we ever were?

late-1960s timewarp. But having learnt to roll with the punches, they can now take wry satisfaction in knowing that they have already outlasted many of their more oncefashionable peers.

"What was fashionable when we started out is laughed at now." House says. "We've stayed around and we are as respected or disrespected as we ever were. At least if you are swimming against the tide you're a living fish and

Having set out their stall in 1995 with a single, Good Feeling, which was used as the soundtrack for a TV advertisement for the Sony Minidisc format. Reef enjoyed initial suc-cess with their first album, Replenish, but truly hit their stride with the follow-up, a platinum-seller (300,000) copies) which topped the British chart two years ago. With hits such as Place Your Hands and Come Back Brighter they injected a distinctive 1990s swing into a bluesrock tradition associated with bands such as Free, AC/DC and the Rolling Stones. In-deed, as it has often been pointed out. Reef is an anagram of

"Yes, that's right, it is," says Bessant, as if the matter might be in some doubt. "But that had nothing to do with why we

his is typical of a curious sense of innocence which the band betray about the historical antecedents of their music. Stringer has heard very little of the Rolling Stones beyond occasional exposure to a greatest hits album belonging to his Dad ("They sound a bit American"). He cites the late Bon Scott as a particular hero. but has not kept tabs on AC/



Not for the first time, rock throwbacks Reef — (from left) Gary Stringer, Kenwyn House, Jack Bessant and Dominic Greensmith — form a defensive wall

DC since the Australian singer died in 1980 (when Stringer, incidentally, would have been all of six years old).

The band talk with far more enthusiasm of artists such as Joni Mitchell, Jeff Buckley, Elliott Smith and Stevie Wonder. to mutate into a group of sensi-

ticeable that on their third alburn. Rides, they have stretched out in new and sometimes unexpected directions. The current single, I've Got Something to Say, which dissolves into a Hey Jude-style singalong at the end, would be an acoustic ballad but for the

wickedly funky drum rhythm, while Sweetie, which is mooted as the next single, is a decidedly mellow sort of song driven by acoustic guitars, violin, mandolin, handclaps and a lyric in which Stringer explores his inner feelings of awkwardness in certain social situations: "Often I listen

when people are talking/I don't understand what they "I love your lyrics, Gary, I think they're fantastic." House says with unvarnished sinceri-

ty. "I'm very proud of every word I read on the lyric sheet. People haven't really looked at that. Because if they scratched beneath the surface of Reef's music they'd find some good "Cheers, mate," Stringer says, basking in the midday sun, still shirtless and with his

hand shoved, absentmindedly, down the front of his jeans. But for those who crave the less cerebral pleasures of a raucous voice, a brutal beat and loud guitars wielded with hefty grace then other tracks on Rides, such as New Bird. Wandering and Back in My Place, do the trick as well as

They are, it seems, untouched by the usual spiritual and narcotic agonies involved in being "part of the industry of human happiness" (as onetime Stones manager Andrew

anything Reef have recorded

business) and have shown a healthy reluctance to let the demands of the band encroach on their private lives beyond a certain point. Indeed, they have turned down a headlining slot at this year's Glastonbury Festival so that Stringer can attend his brother's wedding in Scotland.

lenjoy going to the Glaston-bury Festival more than I do actually playing it." Green-smith says. "Backstage is al-ways really dull and posey and poncey, full of people pretending to have a good time and really not, and looking over their shoulder to see if anyone's looking at them. Whereas if you get out in the crowd and meet all your friends you can have a really good time."

Well, at least no one at Glastonbury is likely to bawl him out for being a hippy.

● Rides is released on Monday. Reef play Portsmouth on May 3: Al-bert Hall, London (May 4): Ply-mouth (May 5); Stoke (May 6); Doncaster (May 8); Glasgow (May 9); Newcastle (May II); Manches-ter (May I3); Shepherds Bush Em-pire, London (May I4), Booking for all shows 0115-912 9203

Cross between Don Quixote and a hoarse

(Anti/Epitaph 6547 2 £15.99) SIX years since Tom Waits released his last album, The Black Rider, his influence pervades the work of such fashionable artists as Beck, Nick Cave, Gomez and P.J. Harvey. Even so, few performers are capable of making music with the narrative drive and sense of character that is second nature to Waits, and it is a joy to be able to report the master's return with an album that is on a par with his best work.

Co-produced and mostly cowritten with his wife, Kathleen Brennan, Mule Variations finds the gravel-voiced storyteller, now 49, combining songs of gruff, romantic yearning with shambling portrayals of bohemian dereliction. On the one hand there is the

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what it means?" In between lie shades of sound and emotion, from the tender, Springsteen-esque ballad, Hold On, to the spooky What's He Building?, a spo-

by a 40-watt bulb". At the other end of the spectrum are the over a patchwork of "found" ULTRASOUND gentle, sepia-tinted emotions of Picture in a Frame and the poignant sense of regret conjured in House Where Nobody Lives: "Once it held laughter/ Once it held dreams/Did they throw it away?/Did they know

ken-word evocation of prying-neighbour syndrome narrated

POP ALBUMS

sounds redolent of the instrument inventor Harry Partch. With its slightly out-of-tune piano parts and some telling harmonica contributions from

Charlie Musselwhite, Mule Variations has that marvellous, instantly weathered feel that graces the best blues alburns. There is nothing espe-cially new about any of it but, after such a long absence, one is simply grateful to accept as much of this stuff as Waits feels inclined to dish out.

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Everything Picture (Nude NUDE12; two discs £15.99) FLOATED on a wave of selfgenerated hyperbole - "I seriously believe that we are the saviours of rock'n'roll" - Ultrasound follow up their "hit" (No 39) single. Floodlit World, with a sprawling double-alburn debut which suggests there may be something of promise in store if the band do not buckle under the weight of their own pretensions.

And excessive weight is something that Ultrasound's 20-stone singer Andy "Tiny" Wood knows a bit about. Hav-ing studied together for a music degree in Newcastle, he and three other members of the group have emerged with an unusually substantial body of musical knowledge tempered by an art-school approach. which explains this album's curious combination of progressive rock bluster and glampunk attitude.

The result is a collection of patchy extremes, ranging from the brisk, Suede-like refrain of Stay Young to the apocalyptic, white-noise finale of the 21-minute title track, a sequence that makes even Spiritualized at their most extreme sound quite restrained. Some fine-tuning is still required.

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS

(Warner Bros 9362-47294 E15.99)

NO LONGER the commercial force he used to be, but still very much in control of his rock n roll faculties, Tom Petry is a man for whom, musically speaking, the 1990s never hap-pened. Echo is a compendium of elegantly crafted rootsy riffs and hard-luck lyrics which could have been minted at any time in the past 20 years.

Sung by Petty in his tough but world-weary drawl, heartsore ballads like One More Night and polite rockers such as I Don't Wanna Fight will prove reassuringly familiar to rock fans of a traditional disposition. However, the lack of anything remotely resembling a contemporary hit single is

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likely to limit the album's appeal to those already converted.

Bury the Hatchet (Mercury 524 644 £15.99) AS THE title suggests, Bury the Hatchet finds the Cranberries opting for a softer, more conciliatory approach than that of their last album, the hard-rocking, big issue-driven To the Faithful Departed.

THE CRANBERRIES

But a querulous undercurrent still remains in the mannered performances of Dolores O'Riordan as her voice swoops around like a boat in a

so on. With or without the

high wind on a succession of

jingly-jangly songs with sec-ond-hand titles such as Promis-

es, Just My Imagination, Shat-

Musically, they sound more like the Smiths than ever,

while lyrically the cliches pop

up like ducks on a shooting

range: "Isn't it strange how

tered and Delilah.

people can change?", "The world is your oyster now and hatchet, they are a band for whom sympathy is in increasingly short supply. DAVID SINCLAIR | Loog Oldham called the music

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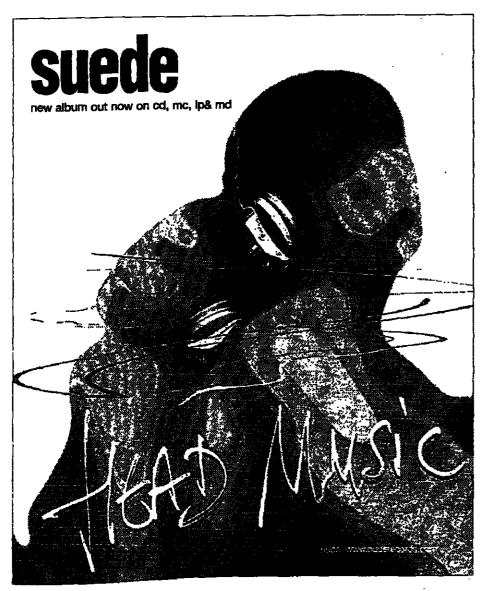
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Reform of an adman

Rupert Howell is set to bury the bad image of adland, says Stefano Hatfield

t is 1984 and the new red Fer-rari 308 GTS is "gunned" up the drive leading to the Heinz building. As the Armani-suited 27-year-old adman swaggers out, an elderly security guard asks: "Sir. is that your car?" Yes," is the proud response. Then, sir, could you kindly stick to our speed limit in future." says the guard, reducing the adman to embarrassed foot-shuffling in front of Heinz's marketing men.

Rupert Howell, who this week became president of the Institute of Practitioners in

Advertising (IPA), tells this story against himself with a wince. He understands why admen came to be frowned upon by clients and public alike, because then he

was the model of odious adman. Now, as IPA president, he is the man charged with guarding the image of the image-makers for the next two years. Howell, 42, must complete the process of leading the industry back to the position of trust and respect lost during the 1980s' excesses and the recession of the early 1990s. His appointment is not without

irony. In 1987 he founded Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury (now HHCL & Partners), arguably the most controversial agency of the past decade. HHCL has won plaudits and opprobrium in almost equal measure for its work for First Direct, Fuji, Pepe, Mercury, Maxell, the AA, Egg and Tango, among many others.

HHCL questioned everything from methods of audience measurement to the over-reliance on volume discounted media buying. It argued against the distinction

between advertising and direct marketing and attacked the industry's predilection for big-budget films. Cynics said HHCL was all hype, seeking to get commercials made on the cheap, and that politically correct campaigns for the likes of Fuji were publicity stunts.

Howell, charged with develop-ing the agency's business and pro-moting the talents of his partners. Axel Chaldecott and Steve Henry, and the strategic abilities of Adam Lury, took much of the flak. Oddly, he is criticised for his manipu-

lation of the media and his obsession with the agency's image. He works hard at it, but he puts the secret of good relations down to "returning phone calls. And it is for this

quality among others that the IPA has skipped a generation and turned to him. Howell laid out a seven-point plan in his inaugural address at the Savoy on Tuesday. Issues ranged from the separation of media buying from creative agencies and the digital/e-commerce future, to the ad industry's regulatory bodies and the quality of agency and client recruits.

It was a bravura performance: if he does half the things he mentioned and continues with his day job, it will be some feat. "Ad agencies matter," he tells me. "We research the nation every day. We are the beliwether of the economy. I believe we'll never have a better chance to establish that fact."

He points to research that shows UK advertising has a 75 per cent public approval rating, record high. In America, it is 50 per cent. This, he says, is not just about the poor quality of the ads



Rupert Howell: "Ad agencies matter. We research the nation. We are the beliwether of the economy"

there, but an argument for keeping the BBC ad-free — a position at odds with the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers. "You have to be careful not to disturb the balance of the UK television ec-osystem." he says. "There is an escape from ads in UK TV. In the US, there is no respite.

"I'd question why the BBC needs more money. It seems to have plenty of money to spend on people like management consultants and things outside its remit."

What he does want to disturb is the widening gulf between what is permissible in programming and what is allowed in the ads that interrupt that programming. This is a reference to the threat to toy ads posed by the forthcoming Swedish presidency of the European

Union: the Swedes want to extend is a vital part of their armoury. In their own toy ad ban across Euthe end clients come to us for the rope. Howell sees this as the only bit they can't do: the creative bit." Howell believes that business needs to be reminded of advertis-ing's effectiveness, but that it does real threat from politicians. The Government has mollified its preelection interventionist stance. not need convincing that it works. There appears no immediate He understands the value of creatthreat to the current system of self-regulation, although Howell ing and sustaining a unique accepts that the plethora of bodies brand. He's done it for clients and is confusing and cumbersome. He his own business. Now he must

do it for 12,750 IPA members. advocates a single regulatory body for broadcast standards. "The 1980s were about work But Howell — the former public hard/play hard, but the image schoolboy who lives in Chiswick was just play hard," he says. "As and is a staunch Tory - praises an industry, we lacked subtlety the Government's positive attiand decorum. The recession was the corrective surgery — we are now a much better business." tude towards the industry. He's just as optimistic about the industry's status in the City and among

Stefano Hatfield is Editor of

The war cries of dissenting voices Guardian also demonstrates the

ohn Pilger and Phillip Knight-ley, two of Britain's most experienced international journalists, are among the signatories to a letter to Press Gazette this week criticising the British press for "largely" backing the bombing of Yugoslavia. Apart from a "few" voices, they say, newspapers have failed to challenge the rhetoric of the military and polit-

They are wrong. There hasn't been a war involving Britain in the past 50 years in which so many sceptical or dissenting voices have been raised in British newspapers or in which editors have published so many articles dissent-

ing from their own position, whether Korea. Suez, the Falklands or the Gulf.

With two of its star columnists, Simon Jenkins and Matthew Parris, disagreeing with the policy of the paper's leading articles, The Times is only one example of the open debate that editors are allowing. Jenkins wrote this week that Milosevic was a nasty job of work

but he was not Hitler or Stalin: "He does not merit a Third World War." The most beliigerent supporter of Tony Blair is The Sun. Yet Richard Littlejohn was given a full page last week to write his view that the free

world had been led into an "unwin-

nable war" by a priapic draft dodg-er and a former supporter of CND (a criticism also made by Boris Johnson in The Daily Telegraph).
Other newspapers have been equally open to debate. This week there have been three articles in The Express questioning Nato's intervention; Stephen Glover in the Daily Mail and Andrew Roberts in the Evening Standard have agreed with Jenkins; and Paul Routledge, who knows Yugoslavia, is acting as The

Mirror's sceptic. Littlejohn noted an-

other surprising feature of this war

which is that The Guardian and

The Independent are supporting the

case for a ground war. Yet The

moved readers as well as politicians. Among the sums raised to alleviate the refugees' plight have been nearly £1.7 million (Daily Mail) £152.000 (The Mirror) and £86.000 by The Sun. The Express readers have given 1,200 tons of clothes. More

edonian border".

than 5,000 readers responded to an invitation to call The Mirror's general, Sir Roderick Cordy-Simpson. By a tiny majority, they were against the war, according to Piers Morgan, its

splits on the Left with Hugo Young and Francis Wheen supporting the

bombing but Richard Gott and Sea-

mus Milne opposing it.
By their concentration on the

plight of the Kosovo refugees, as Young noted in The Guardian,

newspapers and television have im-

ported humanitarian impulses into foreign policy. "Not even during the Second World War," the veteran W.

F. Deedes wrote in The Daily Tele-

graph, "did I witness a scene of hu-

man anguish comparable to what I

saw yesterday on the Kosovan-Mac-

Such reports have

Editor, although their overwhelming view was that now that Nato is committed it has to win. One of their anxieties was whether Milosevic had the ability to target Britain. One new morale-boosting weap-on for British troops, who now have access to PCs, has come from The Sun which this week launched its own website (CurrantBun.com) (which, to digress, may come to be seen as the most significant develop-

ment yet in bringing the Net to the

masses. Already hundreds of thou-

sands are applying.) On thebunat war.co.uk it has a "Kosovo edition" of news about the conflict as well as the usual "treat" from Page Three. There has been no great lift in newspaper sales, except for the first day of bombing when The Times rose by 36,000 and 23,000 by

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Battle joined: Bridget Rowe, left, shortlisted for the editorship of GH, and Elsa McAlonan, who is to take Woman's Journal into a new era

Seducing the over-40s

man felt so desired and seduced - by magazine publishers at least. Gone are the days when the glossy monthlies for 20-yearolds had all the fun with orgasms and nail varnish. leaving their older peers with Navy-blazer fashion and HRT. Now the fortysomethings are the prizes sought by editors, advertisers and the

men in suits. Why? Because there are so many of them and because of who they have become. Only stone and District WI in Yorkshire started as naked but decorous calendar girls, selling out immediately and sparking a sense that middle-aged wo-men are not burnt-out irrelevances but a force to be reckoned with.

The battle for this market is illustrated by the changes about to take place in two of the most revered magazines aimed at this age group.

Woman's Journal, an IPC title fighting a 13.9 per cent fall in circulation to 100,000, resacked Marcelle cently. D'Argy Smith. its Editor, and is about to "refocus" the magazine under the editorship of Elsa McAlonan.

At the National Magazine Company, Good Housekeeping, the homemaker's bible, is looking for a new editor and has added Bridget Rowe, the formidable former newspaper editor, to its shortlist. GH's circulation, at 440,700, is also declining, and Pat Robert-Cairns, its current Editor, has chosen to take a part-time role

for the company. Both new editors face a difficult task, according to Joyce Hopkirk, whose own attempt to launch an intelligent, forty-something magazine, Chic, ended in tears when it was bought by Northern and Richard Desmond.

Middle-aged women have become sought-after magazine prizes. Sally Morris reports

who promptly put it on ice. Hopkirk says: "It is a very fragmented market to crack. You can't just pigeonhole a 40-year-old woman these

"Some are almost grandparents, some are having their first babies, some are getting are still single.

Who do you focus on? publishers see as a strength. Plus, of course. the demographic fact that this age group is growing. In a discussion docu-Terry

> Mansfield, the managing director of National Magazine Company, outlines his belief in the potential of the age group. The figures are impressive: a 10 per cent increase in the number of women aged 40 over the next five years; and a 21 per cent increase over the past five years in women aged 40-plus who work full-time. That means, in most cases,

> the delight of advertisers. Mansfield sees GH as the catalyst to change the whole magazine market, and his written proposal sets out his vision. GH must use its pages to redefine what the home

more disposable income - to

means to women today.

This is a crucial area for both magazines, whose traditional home role has been usurped in recent years by the explosion of interest in interior design and DIY. The popularity of glossies such as House Beautiful and the BBC's Home and Antiques proves there is a readership greedy for more.

Money is another area where women expect more informed and intelligent editorial. They no longer want to read about housekeeping budgets, they want to know the latest on personal pensions divorced or remarried, some and the best mortgage advice.

The other important area is fashion — one ways a casual reader can de-

The rivals facing change

zine's profile fits her. But it requires great creativity to redeare conditioned to youth and beauty. Elle and Vogue have got younger in their approach, while magazines such as Red and Frank, which aim at intelthis a difficult audience to target and are also sliding down the age range.

Tina Gaudoin, the launch editor of Frank and now a freelance, believes the market needs to be created. "It's a bit like the rise of all these coffee shops. No one knew they want-

lies which include Woman's ed to buy expensive designer cups of coffee until the shops arrived. It's the same with the over-40s market. Women want to feel it's cool and sexy to be 40. But it needs to be 40-year-olds." done with wit and humour."

Let the courtship begin omen will win out all round.

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Labour gets nasty in Scottish media war

Magnus Linklater on the blatant attempts to control press coverage of Scotland's election

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The Scottish election may be bogged down in a mid-campaign rut, but in the media war all guns are blazing. Despite a comfortable lead in the polls, Labour in Scotland is betraying distinct signs of paranoia about the press, while the Scottish National Party is convinced it is the victim of a newspaper conspiracy.

Advertising has been withdrawn, charges of malicious fabrication have been bandied about, and at least one paper has been leant on by Downing Street heavies — a process its editor describes as "painful". As one Scottish journalist says: "Fear and loathing are rife in the land - situation normal."

The main victim of Labour resentment has been The Herald in Glasgow. The Labour Party has decided to withhold about

£100,000 of its advertising from the paper on the ground that it has taken too accommodating a line with the SNP. Donald De-war, the Scottish Secretary, is said to regard The Herald with thinly disguised contempt, as "an outand-out nationalist paper'.

This will come as news to former Tory ministers, who used to berate it for being uncritically pro-Labour. Now, however, it has gone "off-message". An early series of opinion polls showing the SNP forging ahead were said to have been "unhelpful", and when the nationalists launched their penny

for Scotland" tax campaign. The Herald was accused of taking too sympathetic a view. Almost alone among British papers, it supported the SNP leader Alex Salmond's attack on the Nato bombing of Serbia. To use this, however, as evidence that The

Herald is hopelessly biased says more about Labour nerves than it does about the paper. The Herald has been relatively even-handed, its main crime being that it carries the occasional pro-nationalist column and is not as harsh in its criticisms of the SNP as most of the Scottish press. "We're playing this elec-tion straight," says Harry Reid, its Editor. "We're open-minded about the SNP."

The chance of the paper actually coming out in support of the nationalists is remote. It would not, however, be surprising if its newly launched sister paper, the Sunday Herald. did. It has been showing some radical tendencies, and a leader last Sunday took a distinctly unfavourable view of the Government's handling of the crisis at Kvaerner Govan.

Lord Macdonald of Tradeston, the Scottish Industry Minister and former boss of the Scottish Media Group, which owns both the

papers, was said to have been incensed. Before the campaign began, Scotland's biggestselling paper, the traditionally Labour-supporting Daily Record, was highly critical of the Government. It even attacked Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, who is usually accorded saint-like status, and last month devoted a two-page spread to La-bour's attempts to control the media.

Now, however, it has fallen back into line, and has won the advertising lost to The Herald. The result has been to enrage the SNP. Last week the Record ran a story claiming that Salmond had fallen out with Mike Russell, the party's chief executive, over the Kosovo issue. Incensed. Russell said the story was a fabrication, and accused the Record of being nothing but a "Labour election leaflet". Mar-

tin Clarke, its Editor, concedes that the paper is backing Labour but gives a warning that if the par-ty wins it can expect no favours. The Scotsman has in the past at-

tacked Labour's devolution plans and still finds it hard to endorse them wholeheartedly. But it is strongly hostile to the Nationalists, and is likely to come down in favour of the devolution parties. So far no paper has come out to

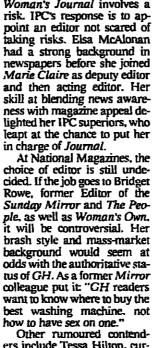
endorse the SNP, although the News of the World could be heading that way. Even The Sun, which backed the nationalist cause in 1992, has decided instead to give Tony Blair its support over Kosovo, leaving little room for an anti-Labour line in Scotland.

So far, Labour, for all its paranoia, has had the best of the campaign. The media have con-cluded that Salmond had a bad opening week, and that his party may be on the slide. But there are still three weeks to go.

Since this will be the first election in mainland Britain to use proportional representation, some newspapers may well sit on the fence on polling day, and use their leaders to advocate ways of using the vote to ensure that a wide balance of MPs is elected.

Labour has not won many friends during the campaign. Its organisation is secretive, suspicious and hostile to the smallest sign of criticism. The idea that it might win an overall majority does not arouse great enthusiasm among those who have had to deal with the party at first hand.

And it would certainly reduce national press coverage of Scotland. As one London executive says: "If Labour walks it, interest is bound to fade. The nationalists ... are the only thing that makes this election worth covering."



fine the pages when readers ligent 30-year-olds, are finding

Journal, says: "We may lose some of our older readers, but we accept in the longer term there will not be enough of these to support a magazine like Journal. We must satisfy the more active, driven needs the new generation of

 Whatever the demographic evidence, revamping trusted products such as GH and Woman's Journal involves a uty editor of Woman risk. IPC's response is to appoint an editor not scared of had a strong background in newspapers before she joined Marie Claire as deputy editor

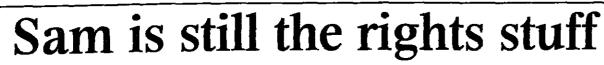
choice of editor is still undecided. If the job goes to Bridget Rowe, former Editor of the Sunday Mirror and The People, as well as Woman's Own, it will be controversial. Her brash style and mass-market background would seem at odds with the authoritative status of GH. As a former Mirror colleague put it: "GH readers want to know where to buy the

Other rumoured contenders include Tessa Hilton, currently overseeing magazines at the Daily Mail, and Lindsay Nicholson, Editor of Prima, the bestselling women's monthly. On paper Nicholson would be the most obvious candidate, as Prima's mix of practicals, fashion and strong health coverage marries well

with the GH formula. Whoever is appointed, both she and McAlonan risk losing existing readers as they throw out the old and bring in the new. Rita Lewis, publishing di-



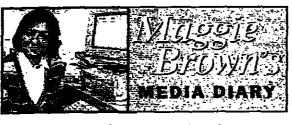
THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS



SAM CHISHOLM and David Chance, former bosses of BSkyB, are remaining as television rights consultants to football's Premier League.

This is despite the outcry over their controversial percentage pay deal, potentially netting them tens of millions of pounds, which led to the stormy exit of the chief executive Peter under way, their expertise is clearly irre-Leaver and the chairman Sir John

Quinton last month. In a vote at that time the club chairmen came out 19 to one against the payments. But, quietly, in a second vote a week later they apparently opted overwhelmingly (one insider says by 18 to 2) in favour of Chisholm and Chance being the rights advisers - if their price is right. Negotiations with a working party are advanced. Chisholm and Chance have a legal contract, and demonstrated during their reign at BSkyB that they play hardball. But with the Restriction tive Practices Court case on the BSkyB/ Premier League deal concluding in July, and pay-per-view football already



placeable. Premier League sources say: Renegotiation is going well."

■ SUNDAY BUSINESS, the Barday brothers' niche pink paper, is doing well with sales at 60,000, on target for the 80,000 goal. But there's a worrying lack of ads. Whether this is the lag between a new launch and advertisers piling in, or whether it has been under-sold is debatable. But Saturday night

TV ad-spots have been dropped.

Andrew Neil, editorial supremo. says the paper will have to rely on word of mouth. "Chief executives [the paper's target] are not watching ITV on Saturday nights. They are out to dinner."

■ INTRIGUING to see Anne Wood. of Ragdoll Productions, creator of the Teletub-bies (and Tots TV and Rosie & Jim) joining The Sunday Times Rich List. At £55 million, she ties in 446th place. Her secret? "She's very shrewd," says a BBC executive. "She does her own devel-

opment work, and comes to us late in the day, which means she retains ownership of the rights." That way riches lie.

TECHNICAL trials for the BBC's new Six O'Clock News with Welshman Huw Edwards started this week for the May 10 relaunch. Dry runs are essential as the show is so complicated: there are 31 regional opt-outs, for local headlines to be inserted. For example, after a new theme tune, Edwards will read several national headlines then up pop regional presenters with their stories. The same thing happens at 6.15pm. The potential for cock-ups is huge.

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Why we need Simpson

John Simpson has been accused of unfair coverage of the Balkan war. His former colleague Martin Bell defends the man he says is steady under fire

e take our TV news for granted, much as we take so much for granted, including our peace and freedom. Most people have very little idea of the risks that reporters take routinely to try to bring them a truthful account of the wars of the world.

I have an idea of the difficulties confronting John Simpson on a daily basis. In his hotel room, to which he is largely confined, he is expected to file authoritatively for countless news outlets every day on radio and television.

Out on the streets, whenever the Serbs allow it, he will be the target of vilification and abuse by people who see him as a representative of the alliance that is bombing their bridges and refineries, and killing

Warfare, journalism and politics have one thing in common. They all require steadiness under fire. To my mind, Mr Simpson has shown that quality in these past weeks. His report last week from Pristina, under right deadlines and carefully controlled conditions. was a model of restraint and good reporting. I cannot believe anyone supposing that the British public would be better served if this kind of journalism were not available

We have reached a point in the present conflict where we all need Mr Simpson's quality of steadiness under fire. The news from the Balkans is in many ways deeply

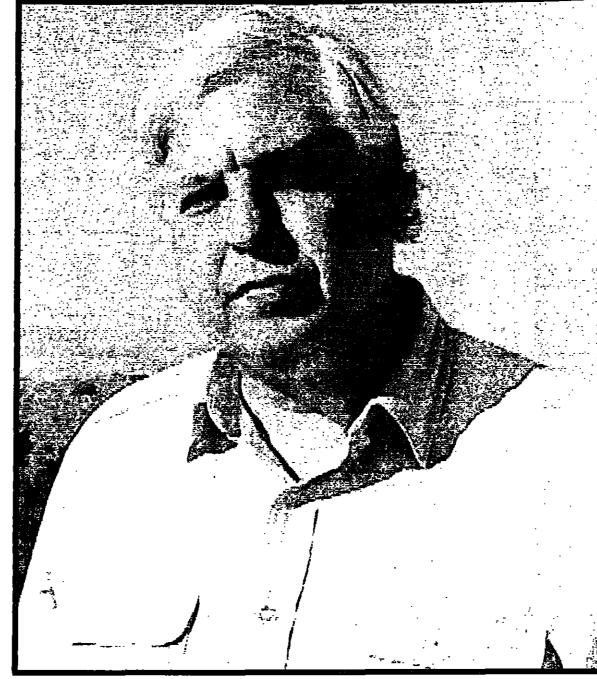
dismaying. What our Government has to understand is that it is engaged not in a propaganda war. but in a defence of our values. These include a free press. That freedom should extend, without qualification, to reporting Nato's mistakes as well as its successes.

If civilian targets are hit in error. and civilian casualties are inflicted, this must not and cannot be hidden behind a smokescreen of jar-gon about "collateral damage" and "degrading" the Serbian military. We degrade the truth when we stoop to using these euphemisms.

We need a true and accurate picture of events. That includes, so far as possible, an understanding of the effect of the Nato bombing on opinion in Belgrade. If that effect is to unite the people of Yugoslavia behind Mr Milosevic, then we should know that. It is the unpalatable truths that are hardest to accept. And this is no time for self-deception. We need John Simpson, and the other British reporters in Belgrade, for as long as the Serbs allow them to remain there.

It is an interesting speculation, why Mr Simpson has been singled out for criticism on the home front. My guess is that this has some-thing to do with his celebrity status. His work is the harder to dismiss or denigrate, because he has a reputation for being trustworthy. Such a reputation is hard-earned, over many crises and many years. In my view he is earning it still.

I am a supporter of the present



Simpson: his report last week from Pristina was a model of restraint and good reporting, says Martin Bell

military enterprise, although I believe now more than ever that if the bombing campaign is not followed by ground troops it will fail. History provides no example of unsupported air power achieving a decisive military result.

I hope that in the days ahead, as the Government ponders its options, it will reflect on this. I hope it will ease up on its propaganda campaign, and confine itself to the

known facts about what is happening on the ground.

It certainly has no business attacking one of the BBC's most believable and experienced broadcasters. He has difficulties enough already, and deserves our thanks for soldiering on in adversity.

• Martin Bell is Independent MP for Tatton and a veteran television

Richard Stott, the former Editor of the Daily Mirror, has asked us to point out that in an article by the current Editor of The Mirror in Media Times, Piers Morgan used "misleading" circulation comparisons. Although the circulation was more than 200,000 less when Mr Stott left, this compares the high circulation month of April with the weak month of November. The April 1991 to April 1992 drop was 32,000 compared with 118,000 for the same period for The Sun.

Paying up for Auntie

an issue again - by asking for more with even greater determination than Oliver Twist. In its so-far unpublished submission to the Davies Panel, which is examining ways to increase BBC income, the Corporation has come up with four different ways of making its

It has also discovered a new euphemism: there must be "buoyancy" in licence fee reve-

to Sir John Birt. Director-General, at a seminar on financing held by the Governors on Wednesday. The routes to this buoyancy are as

follows: Replace the present link with retail prices with a guar-

anteed formula -- for example, a connection with soaring costs in the industry. The BBC recognises, however, that such a formula would fall increasingly heavily on the poor.

Tie the licence fee, at present £101, to gross domes-tic product. In times of low inflation this would produce more revenue than the present connection with retail prices. The third propos-al is to attach the licence fee to every set in a household. rather than to the household itself. With more homes having a second and third set, the money would flow in a tidal wave into Broadcasting House. It would also be deeply unpopular and lead to increasing licence evasion.

The fourth option would

The BBC is about to be to impose a supplementa-ry licence fee, possibly of ry licence lee, possibly of £35, for digital television viewers. This one looks like a serious runner because it solves the problem for the BBC that the licence fees of the poorest in the land are subsidising new digital channels for the rich.

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Although the BBC is coyly saying it remains neutral on which mechanism is chosen. Sir John is already leaning to the fourth option. "One of the virtues of a digital licence fee is

> on those who invest in digital." says. It would not be so braced by manufacturers of digital equipment, competing broadcasters. or, indeed, the 500,000 or

so households

that it falls only

already receiv-The danger for the BBC is that by asking for more. in whatever form, it will breach a tacit agreement. Most people will accept, some more grumpily than others, a licence fee linked to ordinary prices. By look-

ing for "buoyancy" the BBC could disrupt that.
The hand-picked audience at the Governors' seminar had little difficulty coming to the conclusion that the BBC should have more. as long as the organisation was as efficient as possible. Reality intruded occasionally. A magistrate spoke movingly of single mothers being imprisoned for failing to pay their licence fee. That, said the buoyant BBC, was really a matter of welfare policy and the Govern-

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NO: 1792 OF 1999
IN THE EIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FURTHU
COMPUTERS (EUROPE) LIMITED

COMPUTERS (EUROPE) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GYEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 31 March 1997 confirming the refor-tion of the capital of the above asseed company from

RAILTRACK PLC

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND THE REGIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS RELATING TO RAILTRACK PLC

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 67 of the Transport Act 1962 and section 129 of the Railways Act 1993 that Railtrack PLC has made byelaws relating to Railtrack PLC and intend to apply to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Transport and the Regions for his contin-

A copy of the byelaws in respect of which application for confirmation is to be made can be respected free of charge for a period of 28 days starting from the date of this notice between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 Monthlys to Fridays at the Company's registered office at legal & Secretariat, Railtrack I bouse, Euston Square, London, NW1 2FE, Legal & Secretariat (Scotland), Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Clasgow, C4 0LQ and at Railtrack Reception, Platform 1. Psecadily Station, Manchester, Mio 7RA.

A copy of the byelaws may be obtained at a price of 50p either by attending at or by writing to any of the places listed above During the 28 day period any person affected by the new byclaws may make representation to the Socretary of State for the Emironment, Transport and the Regions, by writing to hum at the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 3/31 (Byelaws), Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4kl? Dated this 16th day of April 1999

Simon Osborne Company Secretary and Solicitor Railtrack House Euston Square London NAVI 2EE

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SUBSECTIONS 8(5) AND 10(6) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice as follows.

 He proposes to grant licences under the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Act") to StarGlobal Ltd, Tele2 Sweden Limited, Easynet Group plc and Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited ("the Licensees") to run telecommunication systems in the United Kingdom. The licences will each be for a period of six months, thereafter

being subject to revocation on one month's notice. The principal effect of each licence will be to enable each Licensee to install and run telecommunication systems in the United Kingdom which may be connected to telecommunication systems outside the United Kingdom, and to provide a wide range of services but not any domestic services (i.e. services involving the conveyance of messages which originate and are subsequently to terminate in the United Kingdom) or mobile radio services. Each licence authorises connection to a wide range of other systems, including earth orbiting apparatus.

Each licence will be subject to conditions such that section 8 of the Act will apply to it, thereby making each of the systems run under each licence eligible for designation as a public relecommunication system under see Act. It is the intention of the Secretary of State to designate each of the Licensees' systems as a public cation system under section 9 of the

The Secretary of State proposes to grant each licence in response to an application from each Licensee for such a licence because he considers that it will help to satisfy demands in the United Kingdom for the provision of services of the type authorised, will promote the interests of consumers in respect of the quality and variety of such services, and will maintain and promote effective competition between those engaged in the provision of telecommunication

He proposes to apply the telecommunications code ("the Code") to Easynet Group plc and Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited subject to certain exceptions and conditions throughout the United Kingdom. The effect of the exceptions and conditions to the application of the Code is that Easynet Group plc and Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited will each have duties:

(a) to comply with various safety and environmental conditions, in particular (with certain exceptions) to install lines underground or only on such above-ground apparatus as is already installed for any purpos (b) to comply with conditions designed to ensure efficiency and economy on the part of Easynet Group plc and

Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited respectively, in connection with the execution of works on land concerning the installation, maintenance, repair or alteration of their apparatus, (c) to consult certain public bodies before exercising particular powers under the Code, including the local planning and highway authorities and English Nature. Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales, the National Trust and the National Trust for Scotland, as well as relevant electricity suppliers;

(d) to keep and make available records of the location of underground apparatus and copies of the exceptions and conditions in their respective licences to their powers under the Code, and

(e) to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet certain liabilities arising from the execution of street works. The reason why the Secretary of State proposes to apply the Code to Easynet Group pic and Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited is that they will each need the statutory powers in the Code to install and maintain the telecommunication systems which are to be installed and run under their proposed licences.

The reasons why it is proposed that the Code as applied should have effect subject to the exceptions and conditions referred to above are that they are considered requisite or expedient for the purpose of securing that the physical environment is protected, that there is no greater damage to land than necessary, that the systems are installed as safely and economically as possible, and that the Licensees to whom the Code is applied can meet (and relevant persons can enforce) liabilities arising from the execution of works.

Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed licences, the application of the Code to Easynet Group pic and Telecom New Zealand (UK) Licences Limited and the proposed exceptions and conditions referred to above. They should be made in writing by 17 May 1999 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry, Communications and Information Industries Directorate, 2.80 Grey, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SS. Copies of the proposed licences can freely be obtained by writing to the Department or by calling 0171-215 1756.

Alan Proud Department of Trade and It Listry

16 April 1999

LEGAL NOTICES

NO: 304 OF 1998
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IN THE CROYDON COUNTY COURT
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Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

GRSINTERNATIONAL LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the shove-mand Company will be hald at 63 Lincoln's lim Fields, London WCZA 3JK on 23rd Agail 1999 at 11.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said fact.

Notice is also bareby given, pursuant to Section 98CZAA) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messua, Begides Taynor (Incorporating Taylor Gotham & Fry). The Old Eachning. 234 Southcherth Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Pactitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs at they may reasonably require.

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Junor, the secretary and Selina



Andrew Cameron, managing director at Express Newspapers until 1996, recalls the day that John Junor was caught in flagrante in his office

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but a

f the many editors I worked with at Express Newspapers, John Junor, Editor of the Sunday Express for 32 years, towered above them all. He was one of the few of whom it could truly be said that he was a legend in his own lifetime.

Knighted in 1980 for his services to newspapers (and Margaret Thatcher), this son of a Glasgow Calvinist steelworker held trenchant views that touched a chord with millions of readers.

He alone rode the rollercoaster of the Express group's changing for-tunes. Virtually impregnable and well aware of his value to the paper, he survived and prospered as the group he worked for went through two traumatic changes of ownership. In 1977 the Beaverbrook family sold their birthright to Trafalgar House, and its manag-

ing director Victor Matthews took control. In 1985 David Stevens and United Newspapers bought control. In both cases, with very different men in charge, Junor managed to survive, showing the same obsequiousness and cunning that had served him so well with Beaverbrook.

When he died in 1997 he received the traditional memorial service in St Bride's Church in Fleet the "parish Street.

church" of newspaper men and women. On such occasions little ill is said of the dead. But at times during Junor's service, the oleaginous nature of the tributes was almost too much. Rarely had the J.J. catchphrase "Pass the sickbag, Alice" seemed more appropriate. The real Junor was a very different man from the one his readers might have thought they knew. Many people like simply stayed away.

There were no half-measures with Junor. You either admired him or loathed him; and vice versa. What no one questioned was his professionalism, no matter how quirky, at times eccentric, his editing could be.

J.J.'s expenses used to come to me for approval. They were extensive and often largely anonymous. In the column where he was supposed to identify lunch guests, he would write "Contacts known to the Chairman", though this was as meaning-less to the Chairman as to me.

Every year, too, there was a golfing holiday in The Gambia, followed by flattering comments in his column on that country and its leader, a golfing companion. The costs were paid by the Express under an "Overseas Travel Allowance", which gave Junor the freedom to travel to where he chose as part of his untaxed remuneration package.

Yet when it came to signing staff expenses, Junor was famously tightfisted. I recall him discussing with me the expenses of Bob McWilliams, then news editor. "Andrew," he said, 'For years McWilliams's expenses have been averaging three pounds ten shillings a week. Lately they have risen to three pounds fifteen shillings. Do you think he's keeping a mistress?" I laughed, but the smile died when I realised that

Junor was serious. Junor had a notorious-He was a ly short attention span. Ted Westropp, the amia-ble if long-winded City editor, once came to see J.J. with an tale that even J.J. found hard to interrupt. He idly picked up a pair of binoculars he had bought for his yacht and held them up to his eyes. Westropp's flow began to falter. "Amazing," said Junor. "I can see the piflawed journalist geons shitting on the roof of St Bride's Church."

He could also be high-handed. One day he called a new reporter named Perry into his office. You have a wonderful opportunity here. Mr Perry. Play your cards right and I shall have your name up in lights. You can see it - 'Don Perry, Sunday Express Reporter'."

Perry's first name wasn't Don but Perry was too timid to correct him. So Perry's byline appeared in the nday Express as "Don Perry" for many years and as "Dom Perignon" in Private Eye spoofs.

J.J. took great care to befriend Priwate Eye. He and the Editor, Richard Ingrams, used to lunch regularly, swapping political and sexual gossip. This did not mean that Jumor escaped Scot-free. Ingrams once parodied a piece in the J.J. column in which Junor had reminisced about a colleague from his RAF days whom he described as a "white-haired boy in a Nissen hut



near Deal". Variations on the piece ham Junction, Junor's bladder was appeared again and again in the Eye, describing a "white-haired boy in a Nissen hut near Deal" in the bursting. Unable to contain himself. the man who regularly scourged both drunken yobbos and British most inappropriate stories. Junor was mystified, never realising that Rail threw open the carriage door and peed on the track.

So began a six-week affair, with

his mystification was itself the joke.
Although his writings would lead you to believe that he was a model of most of the action taking place on Fri-day nights in the Sunday Express flat propriety, J.J. had more than an eye in Clarges Street. The old for the women. At company funcmorue must have had untions, staff wives suffered his attensuspected charms, for the tions. One who fell for his not-sogirl fell desperately in love and believed he wantobvious charms was a young secretary. It happened in 1979, the year Jued to marry her. She was nor celebrated his 60th birthday devastated when Junor broke off the relationship. and his 25th year as Editor of the Sunday Express. The staff held a Perhaps by then Junor lunch in his honour, which was at-

had his eye on a bigger catch — the glamorous Selina Scott. One day in spring 1980 he arrived in the office in such an uncharacteristically good mood that staff were curious. Over lunch with colleagues he explained that he had spent the previous

evening with Selina. Later that day, the foreign editor. Peter Vane, caught him penning a letter which started "Selina Darling . . .". When Selina came as his guest to

the Boat Show lunch it was clear to those present that JJ, saw himself and Selina as an "item". I do not think there was anything in it, or only in his dreams; not least because of Junor's own description of her as "100 per cent her own woman and utterly incorruptible".

Although he was a great editor, John Junor was flawed as a journalist. He shied away from major hard news stories, preferring the role of behind-the-scenes wheeler-dealer.

He threw open the train door and peed on the where Oldfield if asked about the heavy traffic in young male visi-

tors to the Oldfield flat. The policeman feared that no one would pluck up the courage to tell the Prime Minister that her chosen man was a security risk. Would Junor help? Of course he would. Junor immediately set up lunch with Mar-garet Thatcher's personal private secretary and enlisted her help in getting a letter to the Iron Lady. A

Richard ingrams enjoyed gossipy funches with Junor

few weeks later it was quietly an-

nounced that Oldfield would not be

completing his tour of duty, and no

doubt Junor congratulated himself

on a job well done. At no time, it ap-

pears, did he consider what would

have been second nature to most

journalists; to print an exclusive that

would have had the rest of Fleet

Whatever was happening, J.J. al-

ways knew best. In 1981 the then gen-

eral manager informed him that Associated Newspapers was going

ahead with the launch of The Mail

on Sunday Junor was scornful: "You have been listening to too much tittle-tartle in El Vino's. Let me

tell you this - there will never be a

Today. The Mail on Sunday is

selling well over two million while

the Sunday Express struggles to

hold one million. And, of course, Ju-

nor spent his last years writing his

IJ column for The Mail on Sunday.

Mail on Sunday - Never!"

Street chasing round in circles.

Junor himself told the sto-

ry of how, in the early 1980s, he was tipped off that Maurice Oldfield, the former head of MI6 called out of retirement by Margaret Thatcher to head security in North-ern Ireland, was a promiscuous homosexual. The source, a very senior police officer, indicated to Junor that the hall porter in the block of flats would "sing like a bird"

NEXT WEEK The expenses fiddlers and how I brought them --to heel

to halt theft of ideas

Code

BROADCASTERS have signed a code to prevent theft of ideas, says Broadcast. Commissioning editors must log and ac-knowledge proposals on receipt. Senior executives — including the BBC's Alan Yentob and David Liddiment for ITV - will police complaints from independent producers that ideas have been copied.

REGIONAL newspapers are launching a £3 million campaign to attract advertisers. Campaign reports that the first ads, stressing that one in four adults reads a regional paper, will τιπ in trade magazines and regionals next week.

■ THE telemarketing industry grew by 29 per cent last year, with turnover rising to £510 mil-



lion. Marketing's annual league table shows that the two top companies are SSL, a subsidiary of the Post Office, and BT CiB, owned by BT.

■ CHANGING FACES: Adam Higginbotham resigns as editor of The Face (Press Gazette). Carol Reay quits as deputy chairman of Grey Advertising (Campaign). Bob Geldof helps to form new radio and TV production company, 10 Alps; Rod Natkiel steps down as head of BBC network production in Birmingham (Broadcast).

■ GETTING the business: Abbot Mead Vickers BBDO to handle a £12 million campaign to allay fears of millennium bug chaos (Marketing). Envipoints Circus for £2 million flood-awareness campaign: Zenith Media wins £8 million media buying account for Littlewoods; Bozell Worldwide to handle £450 million international media business for Daimler Chrysler (Campaign).

MICHAEL LEAPMAN

Fifa caught offside by fans

FIFA, world football's governing body, this week took the surprise decision to appoint London's HHCL & Partners to develop global brand advertising and make its name synonymous with football.

The news comes hot on the heels of stories about the International Olympic Committee seeking an agency to run a \$100 mil-lion global advertising campaign. initiatives how far apart sport's governing bodies have grown from the people who ultimately pay their wages — the fans.

The Fifa decision was made by ISL, the Zurich-based sports marketing organisation which is Fifa's marketing part-ner. The brief is to highlight what Fifa stands for and explain its involvement with football beyond the World Cup. Inherent in the assignment is a tacit admission that, fairly or not, Fifa has been damaged by publicity surrounding incidents such as the World Cup ticketing fiasco and investigations into the way the former President, Joao Havelange.

ran the organisation. There is widespread concern among fans that the interests of sponsors and advertisers are being given precedence over the views of the paying specta-Although Fifa has not suffered

anything like the

degree of negative publicity endured by the IOC, it is a tough challenge for HHCL Football fans need to have hate figures on which to vent the frustration that comes with a lack of success.

It is difficult to see how phase one of the appointment to create a new image for Fifa explaining its role — will



tended by Margaret Thatcher.

It was a good lunch and, like

many good lunches, it went on and

on. Junor stayed all afternoon and

got completely pickled. He was fum-

bling at the dresses of almost every

woman in sight, inviting them to re-

turn home with him. The secretary.

in her mid-twenties and in awe of

the great man, accepted. They went

first to the office in Fleet Street,

where Junor pounced. But they

were interrupted in mid-thrust by the sports editor, Les Vanter, who

wanted to show Junor a page proof.
They next headed to J.J.'s house in

Dorking by train from Waterloo.

But by the time they reached Clap-

Fifa needs a fresh image after the World Cup tickets fiasco

be able to counteract any potential new negative publicity. As HHCL will on one hand be working with the likes of Coca-Cola. MasterCard and Me-Donald's to develop sponsorship opportunities, and on the other developing specific initiatives to encourage children to become interested in football, conflicts are likely to emerge. Nothing harms Fifa's cause more than the image of rich old men with fat expense accounts lecturing from plat-forms, purporting to know what's best for the average fan. Radical surgery to Fifa's make-up would achieve more than advertising.

■ LABOUR is about to unveil the most radical shake-up to hit party political broadcasts in years. Its two-and-a-halfminute slots on April 26 will consist of a series of five individual 30-second commercials running consecutively.

The early ads for the mid-term local elections each concentrate on different aspects of party policy including health, education and transport. All the commercials include the end-line: "New Labour, making Britain better."

IT was confirmed this week that Paul Simons, the TBWA London group chairman, is to be the new chairman of Ogilvy & Mather London. The appointment comes not a day too soon for the beleaguered O & M. Last year it lost Guin-ness and lead agency status on Ford, and saw the departure of BUPA. The bad news keeps coming: the Woolwich ended its 70-year association with the agency this week by switching to Publicis. Simons will have his work cut out to stem the flow, and a shake-up of senior personnel looks necessary.

• Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of Campaign.

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view of commercial television revenue. Total net TV ad revenue was £2.8 billion in 1998. an increase of 39 per cent since 1994. ing market, cornering 63 per cent last year worth £1.8 bil-

ITV's share of advertising rev-

enue is falling year on year.

according to the Independent

Television Commission's re-

Although ITV still has the biggest share of the advertislion, its share has dropped from 76 per cent in 1994. Channel 4 draws 19 per cent and its portion has remained fair-

ly stable in the past five years. It is the growth of cable and satellite and the arrival of Channel 5 in March 1997 that have pulled adspend from ITV. Cable and satellite's share of TV revenue has grown from 6 per cent in 1994 to 13 per cent in 1998, by which time Channel 5 had a 5 per

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cent slice, worth £128 million. ITV's share fell most dramatically between 1996 and 1998. which is the period when both cable and satellite and Channel 5 gained most of their

ground ITV's decrease in ad revenue share looks set to continue. The further growth of multichannel TV. precipitated by the emergence of digital television, points to an increase in revenue for the pay-TV

Channel 5's growing viewing share, which was 4.7 per cent in February. is also likely to drive its share of revenue up in the coming years.

Subscription income, sponsorship and the sale of goods are included in the ITC's calculation of total revenue. Last year 84 per cent of BSkyB's turnover was from subscription income and just 14 per cent from advertising.

■MediaTel's online media information and analysis service is accessed via the Internet at http://www.mediatel.co.uk (0171-439 7575)

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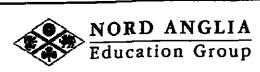
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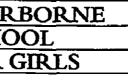
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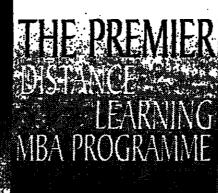
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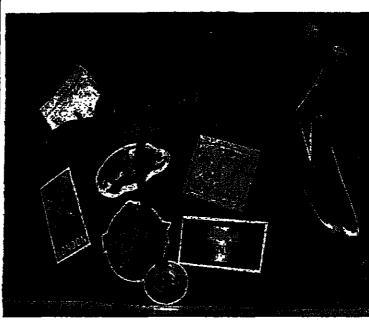
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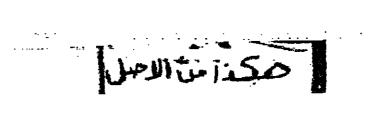
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THOSE who have been arguing that the Government's penchant for control will make a nonsense of devolution have not been looking at the education agendas pursued in different parts of Britain. Education, education, education may be Tony Blair's top priori-

ty, but it can mean quite differ-ent things north of Hadrian's Wall or west of Offa's Dyke. Labour's promises for the Scottish and Welsh Assembly elections underline the differences. Unlike those in Eng-

land, all Scottish schools are

being promised Internet access, four computers per class. and a laptop for every teacher. By 2002 three-year-olds are guaranteed nursery education and older children an afterschool study place. Even the provision of classroom assistants will be more generous.

The party's manifesto for Wales also promises millions more pounds for nurseries and schools. It sets different targets from those in England and holds out the hope of a different system of post-16

English educationists have long looked enviously at the system north of the border, if not in Wales. The Scots have always seemed to value education more highly than the English, staying on at school and going through to university in larger numbers. The sixthform curriculum offers a broader education without the

ers still enjoy something of the status that they have lost in When Sir Ron Dearing was

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flexible system of higher education, it was the Scottish mix of courses and institutions which attracted him most.

Wales, too, has been ploughing its own furrow, although state education there mirrors England's more closely. As in Scotland, for example, there are no primary school league tables, no selection and very few grant-maintained schools. There are important differences from the English model in the literacy and numeracy strategies introduced in prima-

ing to see the Principality as a laboratory for wider govern-ment policy. The Welsh version of the classroom assistants scheme, for example, was strikingly different from that of England, offering places to unemployed teenagers as well as to older, trained helpers. lost on David Blunkett if the

scheme is a success. In reality, however, the differences may be more to do with the fact that local authorities in Scotland and Wales wield more influence than their counterparts do in England. It is possible that devolution will alter this balance of power and that there could be more central control of education from Edinburgh and Cardiff than there has been from Whitehall

If so, the politicians will have to overcome some longbeld beliefs. The Scots and the Welsh managed to resist some of the key Tory reforms and they will take some persuading to adopt the whole of England's test and examinationorientated agenda. When the controversy over national primary school tests was at its height, for example, a pressure group called the Parents' Coalition polled thousands of Scottish families. The overwhelming response was that not only did they oppose the publica-tion of schools' results, but they did not even wish to know their own children's

scores, if the tests went ahead. Times have changed since then, but the Celts still have their own ideas about what they want from education.



Gail Bristow studies the Primary Planner: "What I want are clear ideas of what my daughter, Marnie, will be taught in her first few years and how I can reinforce that teaching at home"

Explaining school to parents

overnment research suggests that nine out of ten parents want to become more involved in their children's education but do not know where to start. In an attempt to "demystify the education process", the launch of a series of aids for parents is launched this week.

The Pre-School Planner, Primary Planner and Secondary Planner are fullcolour, A3-size files with advice on everything from dealing with the first day at playgroup to standing up to teachers. Compiled by educational experts, they give detailed information on what children will be taught in the national curriculum and what they will be expected to

know as they progress through school. Pre-school learning has three core elements - a 64-page parents' handbook, a learning book and 12 "creative play cards". The handbook covers key developmental stages: a three-year-old may be helped to draw a simple map showing his or her house and the seaside for example, with cars, trees and buses. This type of exercise, says the planner, could introduce times, distances and even a basic 'understanding of the world".

What should the average child know at the age of 3, 10 or 16? Virginia Matthews looks at a series of new educational aids that tell parents what will be expected from their children

So what do parents make of it? Paula Young, 35, is a former nurse from East Sussex, whose three-year-old daughter Tabitha has started at a private nursery in the village of Cross-in-Hand. She says that despite having "an entire bookcase on everything from toilet-training to pre-school piano playing", she found the Pre-School Planner fascinating.
"Most books about toddlers concen-

trate on head lice or bowel control. While the planner sometimes lapses into government-ese with phrases like desirable learning outcomes', at least the authors are talking to me about Tabitha's intellectual development. I also like the way the planner gives advice on talking to small children and helping them to make sense of the world around them. I don't always know how to pitch my conversation to her and the guide has helped me to think more about what I say to her and how."

But Ms Young reserves her highest praise for the section on personal and social development. "The planner talks dispassionately about the fact that human beings can be moody and encourages parents to be open with their children about what causes bad moods. The approach is a lot more thoughtful and realistic than some of the top-selling but dreadfully gooey parent and toddler books on my shelf."

For primary and secondary school children, the planners offer step-by-step and subject-by-subject guides to the national curriculum. Unusually, the curriculum cards include foundation subjects such as art, music, history and geography, as well as core subjects. In primary and secondary planners, practical advice is given on using computers and the Internet to help children with their homework. Gail Bristow, a picture researcher

whose daughter, Marnie, 5, attends the William Patten School in Hackney, East London, found the advice on the curricu-lum worthwhile, "although the information about choosing schools and bullying was repetitive and even patronising. But the planner has given me clear ideas about what she will be taught in her first few years at school and how I can reinforce that teaching at home."

A typical extract comes in the IT section at Key Stage 2: "Your child will be expected to become competent with the keyboard, typing with more than two fingers, cutting, copying and pasting . . .

However, parents may find much of the content in the secondary planner insubstantial. Gill Hemburrow, an editorial secretary whose son, Alexander, 16, attends a Roman Catholic boys' school in Bexleyheath, found only two topics to in-terest her. "By the time your child reaches this stage, you are inundated with advice on the curriculum, drugs and careers. The only new information was finding out more about the different bands your child can be put in at GCSE, and not to worry when your son likes to revise listening to music. There were also

good pointers on how to revise." Would parents buy the planners? "I think that the secondary planner is aimed at parents who have made no attempt to understand how secondary schools operate," says Mrs Hemburrow. They will be unlikely to shell out £14.99

for an entire book on the subject." But while Ms Bristow says she wouldn't pay £14.99 for the "peripheral stuff" on parents' evenings or PTAs, which is available elsewhere, she be-lieves that a more comprehensive curriculum guide would be hard to find. Which raises the issue of why something so important isn't issued free to parents, just as books on babycare are issued automatically in the maternity ward.

• The Pre-School, Primary and Secondary Planners, published by The Stationery Office at £14.99 each, are available from bookshops.

Helping children to recognise abuse

Workshops are teaching self-preservation.

Danny Lee reports

hild abuse is never easy to discuss. Most adults avoid the issue and find explanations difficult. But nine girls and seven boys in the sunny classroom of a Devon village primary school are having no difficulty in coming up with thoughtful descriptions of what an assault would mean to them.

"Assault is kind of like rape," says a ten-year-old girl. Then classmates chip in with other suggestions — it is anything you don't want to do; being bullied; when your feelings are hurt;

when other people gang up on you.

The children are taking part in an anti-abuse workshop at the socially mixed Blackawton Primary School. Jenny Kinder, their head teacher. watches as they explain with impressive clarity their feelings about the risks they face.

"Where do you feel safe?" asks Clare Miller, the lead facilitator with the Devon Child Assault Prevention (CAP) project, who is running the workshop. "With someone I trust," says a boy. "With my Mum," answers a girl, shyly.

Ms Miller, who has been running the workshops for four years, is part of a team of seven conducting a programme in schools in the South. The workshops aim to build children's confidence and to help them to find their own ways of understanding and protecting themselves from abuse. They discover tactics that vary from saying no and yelling to kicking and

"In this way," says Ms Miller, "assailants will be discouraged from thinking of the children as their passive victims."

Central to the workshops are plays dealing with bullying, approaches from strangers and sexual advances from people known to the children. After a short play showing an uncle trying to get his niece to give him a sexual kiss with an offer of Rollerblades, the children are

asked how they would feel if they were her.
"Annoyed. Uncomfortable. Embarrassed.
Pushed into it." are the immediate answers.
"And what if the uncle asks her to keep it secret? Must something we like be kept secret?" asks Ms Miller, provoking a resounding.

"Is this a safe secret?" - "No." - "What is a safe secret?" — "A birthday present." — "Who can we tell?" — "Auntie. Parents. Teacher."

Each piece of simple theatre is performed once to introduce the subject, and again after the group has discussed it and been gently steered towards finding their own answers. These are then put into action in the second performance, which shows the child seeing off the would-be abuser.

What if the person doing the bullying is younger than you and you feel stupid telling anyone?" asks one girl during the bullying sec tion. "A person who is younger can still be scary, and it is never stupid to tell people,'

Sacha Roberts, the project co-ordinator, says. CAP's methods have been welcomed positively by children, parents, teachers and healthcare professionals in the South West, and the project has just won a contract to try its scheme at eight Royal Navy pre-schools in Plymouth. There is also growing interest in copying it throughout the country and, as Elizabeth Gale, the Health Education Authority mental health project manager, points out: "The £35,000 it costs to keep all children in South Devon pri-mary schools in a rolling CAP programme is the same as the cost of intervention in one or two cases of abuse."

Students catch writing bug from authors on the Net



Computers can put children in touch with authors

hildren can now get in touch with their favourite authors at the touch of a button. The website Writers Online is also encouraging pupils to write and some are having their poems and prose posted for thousands of people to see.

Students get a kick from receiving a personal reply from writers such as Nina Bawden, and, say teachers who have introduced classes to the

site, feel encouraged to write. Every month a new writer or group of writers introduce themselves on the site with autobiographical information, details of what they have written, influences, how they write and an extract from one of their works. They then suggest something for the children to write and ask them to e-mail it to them. Everyone re-

With luck, the youngsters' work will appear on the site with a reply from the author. Or perhaps the author will e-mail the child directly. At Newland St John's Primary School in Hull, pupils discovered that Anne Fine, author

ceives a reply.

book that inspired the movie, Goggle Eyes and other celebrated novels, was author of the month. She had chosen a passage from Diary of a Killer Cat and was subsequently bombarded with ideas from Hull about pets on the ram-

A new website enables children to communicate with their

favourite — and formerly remote — authors. Tim Rice explains

forts are now on the site. They did not get a direct re-ply from "their" author, although other children did. At Portsmouth's Court Lane Jun-

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page. A number of their ef-

of Madam Doubtfire, the ior School, Nina Bawden, of Peppermint Pig fame, was then author of the month. She sent back a stack of responses to the children's descriptions of bravery.

Darren Nickerson, a year six teacher at the school, said that the children were impressed not only by having their own work read by someone they respected, but that having other children's work displayed on the site gave

them ideas. By chance, David

Orme, a poet and October Writer Online, visited the school during Literacy Week and encouraged the children to e-mail him directly.

The site has also proved useful in secondary schools. although finding time for it may not be easy. John Reeves, head of English at Blyth Ridley High School in Northumberland set up personal e-mail "postboxes" for the children. Four out of five

had their poems displayed on

the site. One of his girls even won a book of poems. This month's author is

Trevor Millum, the short-story writer and poet who helped to set up Writers On-

He says that although the website project is part of the National Year of Reading, the aim is to continue it indefinitely, possibly under the ae-gis of the National Association for the Teaching of English — as long as a sponsor can be found.

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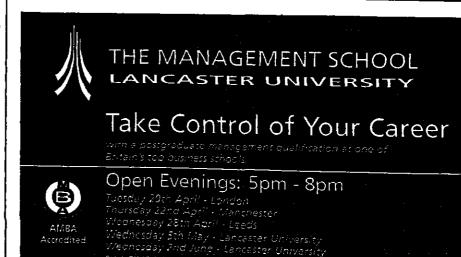
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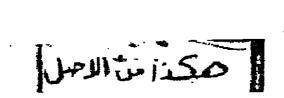
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HAVING been so unimpressed by tall reputations, if he is not careful

Gerard Butler is going to end up with one himself. At Newmarket

yesterday the young Irishman, in

just his second season with a li-

cence, saddled Compton Admiral

to win the City Index Craven Stakes over the course and dis-

tance of the Sagitta 2,000 Guineas.

Just as when the same colt beat

Killer Instinct at Ascot last season,

however, there was at least as

much interest in the beaten

favourite - on this occasion

Mujahid, who had previously

headed the betting for the classic

So obsessed can the Flat become

with words, rather than deeds.

that bookmakers responded by

making Killer Instinct as short as

4-1 favourite for the Guineas, with

Compton Admiral widely availa-

ble at four times the price. Killer

Instinct makes his second visit to a

racecourse at Newbury tomorrow.

traditionally offered the safest of

footholds on the ascent to the

Guineas summit, albeit none has

completed the double since Tirol in

1990. It is easy enough to quibble

with the strict form of yesterday's

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.40 PAL OF MINE

2.10 EBF FUND BECKHAMPTON NOVICE STAKES

2.40 NATIONAL GOLF WEEK RATED HANDICAP

ISHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE!

2.10 Hoh Discovery

3.10 Gipsy Rose Lee

4.40 APPLE OF KENT (nap)

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(2-Y-0: £4,630: 5f 34yd) (9 runners)

GOING; GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.40 Schnitzel

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Schnitzel. 4.10 Bondosan.

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RETTING: 5-2 Cd Phys., 11-4 Poroni, 7-2 Hon Discovery, 5-1 Nantucket, 12-1 Travesty of Law, 14-1 Who da Leader, 20-1 Russain Fox, 25-1 others.

1998: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED.

Muffin Man, a 50–1 shot when a well-besten eighth of 10 to Ma Yoram at Kemplon on his debut, appears of little account. The market should provide a good guide to the newcomers, with the Grand Lodge colt Cd Piper likely to figure promisently on the back of his stable's lest start with its juveniles. Preference though is for the Paul Cole-trained PORCINI The stable bossts a first-tone-out-state rate of 18% with its how-year-olds over the past three years and this son of Alzan is a half-tother, to his juvenile wroner Magarah and winners in Italy. High Discovery, Mantucket and Travesty Ot Law are other interesting contenders.

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Wins Rnrs -

3.40 Speed On 4.10 Salford Express

4.40 Vie Indienne

5.10 SAUSALITO BAY (nap)

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12-1 Bazagara, Mt Speculation, Pal Of More, Schnitzel, My Tess, 14-1 Stumbering.

SCHINTZEL from the in-torm Michael Bell stable and the yard's lone Newbury namer loday, can be backed on her reappearance. She showed progressive form tast year when signing off with a 4f lourth of 13 to Metody Queen off lifts mark on the Rowley Mile course (7f) in September. Pagara kung, Senure, Chelsae Barracks and Pal Of Mine boast similar profiles, with each warning in marden company on their final of three starts last season. Of the quarter only Chelsea Barracks or proven over a mile, the John Dunloy names bealing Spoonted Of Sugar Ival at Doncaster (1 m) in New Years (36) better of 1) author 11 liback in fifth Senure was not extended to be at Ya Ain 13-1 at Leicester (7f) and is weighted to confirm superiority over fifth-placed Badagara. Tarawan looks high enough in the weights.

5 furlongs, Newbury 3.40pm. Live on BBC TV. 5/1 Levelled 18/1 Bay Prince 15/2 Primo Lara 20/1 At Large 8/1 Speed On 10/1 Night Flight 33/1 Mangus RING NOW • BET NOW

By Chris McGrath

Craven field in his wake

RACING: FAILURE OF MUJAHID THROWS 2,000 GUINEAS MARKET INTO DISARRAY

race, with Mujahid clearly not himself and Debbie's Warning, a maiden only 14 lengths away in third. Nor has Compton Admiral grown into a towering physical specimen. Yet it would be more prudent to accentuate the positive in the performance of the Suave Dancer colt.

For a start, he will improve for the run. Butler having nursed him through one or two minor "blips" this spring. One could judge as much just from the way his surge from last to first under Frankie Dettori seemed to take its toll in the very last strides, at precisely the stage his stout breeding would otherwise help him elaborate his superiority. He had accelerated up the rising ground with gusto, certainly, and he has evidently resumed the progress interrupted by a setback last autumn.

REVISED BETTING

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

"If he had made the Royal Lodge Stakes [at Ascot in September], you'd have seen what he could do. Butler said. "When he was second at Sandown, the ground was pretty firm and it was his first time round a bend. It was a learning curve for him, and for us as well, no doubt. We haven't had the clearest run with him this year. and he should come on a lot. He has really begun to get his act together in the last two weeks. Frankie wondered if we should make it a test but I said if they pull up to a trot early on, you pull up to a walk. He must be held up until he hits that rising ground. A good

and more speed."
Butler, 32, is extremely modest and it must be left to Erik Penser. his principal patron, to offer a third ingredient. "You could not ask for anyone more dedicated and hard-working than Gerard," the Swedish businessman said. He certainly chose well when seeking a trainer equal to the marvellous facilities at his purpose-built Churn Stables, under the Ridgeway, though Butler's CV embracing service under D Wayne

Recetard number. Draw in brackets. Sir-figure form (F. - lell. P. - pulled up. U. - unseated rider. B. - brought down. S. - slipped up. R. - refused. D. - disspealfield). Horse's name. Days since last outing, J. f. jumps. (B. - bkinkers. V. - visor. T. - songue stap. H. - bood. E. - Eyeshield. C. - course winner. D. - distance

(Group III: 3-Y-0: £21,300: 7f) (11 runners)

3.10 DUBAI DUTY FREE FRED DARLING STAKES

3.40 LAURENS VAN DER POST RATED HANDICAP

(£8,913: 5f 34yd) (14 runners)

1998 (run on second day of meeting): DALINTING LADY 9-0 R Hughes (9-2) R Hannon 7 ran

The performance of Whrese will be closely watched if only to determine which horse Kleren Fallon will ide in the 1,000 Guiness. The Gaughter of Selarih had Truly Bewitched behind her when ground (il severab to Hula Angel in the Rocklet Stakes (77) in October but books short of classic standard and the champion jockey should be able to confirm his swallability for Mousea after hims. GOLDEN SILCA, largely in her stabilierate Burt Allayl's shahow last year, can now advance her own Guiness claims. Her fine victories last season included the group him Mil Reel Stakes (6), bearing Blue Meldoy 51 at Haydock (6) in August but has plienty of speed in her pedigree and may prove best at sprint distances. Choirgid boasts the stronger form of John Gosden's pair. She legit good crick of Gold in the Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (71), Bapsy Rose Lee was not seen again last year after chasing home Mythical Grif (beaten 194) in the group time Princess Mangaret Stakes at Ascor (61) in Judy Evening Promise revetted in the medi ethan circumg the Firth Of Ciyde Stakes (6).

10150 - CORTACHY CASTLE 183 (O.F.) (Mrs. E Leptinere) B Macters 4-9-7 Pat Eddery 1258 6304-2 BRANE EDGE 11 (C.O.F.G.) (Mrs. Vale Pariners) R Harman 8-4-6. (Jaco O'Nell 114

402 (3) 6304-2 BRANE EDGE 11 (E.D.F.S) protes vae Francestoph it Hermon 6-9-5 Josep O Heart 1403 (5) 1021-1 PRISO LARA ST (D.F.G) Resplaced Record LID P Harros 7-9-4. P Geode (5) 116 404 (7) 0000- BAY PRINCE 307 (D.F.G) (A Bolfon) MTL I Saubts 4-9-0 ... K Fation 35 405 (6) 03050- MOON STRIKE 183 (D.F.G.S) (A Bolfon) MTL Channot 5-8-12 (Sev.) F Globan 105 406 (6) 03050- MOON STRIKE 183 (D.F.G.S) (A Bolfon) Proc.) E Wheeler 4-9-9 S Carson (5) 106 408 (11) 101-10 DL 22 (D.F.G) (MTS IN BEACHES) HE N MAGAGINE 49-8-10 L Dettori 117 409 (9) 00025- THE GAY FOX (174 (T.B.F.D.F.S) (Abs.) Micklanon 3 Moldahom 5-9-5 S anders 113 410 (1) 30-820 (MST T HUBERT 9 (G.F.G.S) (G.Sevents) R Fatier 5-8-4 ... J. Dattor 115 411 (4) 3440-3 SYLVA PARADOSE 22 (F.S.) (E Consisted Horde Lid) C Bulkari 6-8-4 P Robinson 121 1412 (14) 06050- SPEED ON 173 (D.F.S) (P.D.F.) (Horde 5-8-4 ... N Protect (5) 104 141 (12) 04-424 MANIESS 51 (0) (Gerston) Records Could J Toller 5-8-4 ... N Protect (5) 108 (Horde 5-8-8) Records (7) 106 Horde 5-8-8) Records (7) 106 Horde 5-8 (8) PROSEROUS (7) 106 HORDE 5-8 (8)

BETTRNS: 5-1 Levelled, Sylva Pararisce, 7-1 Oil, Prime Lara, 8-1 Speed On, 9-1 Batchworth Belle, Moon Spring, 10-1 Night Pilight, Brave Edge, 14-1 others:

Strike, 10-1 Night Plight Brave Edge, 14-1 other:

Sylvar Paradise looked a strade unjucky on hit, reappearance at Doncaster (56), winning his race on the tar side but finishing only thred to hight Shot (DR (3th bears off) another 144 back in eighth and Levelled (1th better off) 10th). Unfortunately the draw appears to have again been unland to Clive Prittain's number, and preterence, at history odds, is for AT LARISE. Lames Toller's charge ran well on both of his starts lead year, most recently at Salichary (5f) finishing 3t third of 13 his Shap Stock, and Nail Pollard's claim target; Counters the 5th be is wrong at the weights here. A high draw in stall 13 is tavourable. The form of Brave Edge's reappearance 1% I second to Hill Magic at Kempton (6f) was led down by the winner at Newmenter on Tuesday, and, like dual winter all-weather winner Primo Lara, he has plently to do from a loss draw Bachworth Belle scored cestly on the all-weather at Lingfield (5f) at the start of the month but has much more on at the weights here. Levelled has solid claims on his 141 bealing at Pepperdine at Repon (6f) nine days ago (Night Hight behind and heid).

BETTENG: 6-4 Bondosan. 3-1 Saiford Express, 9-2 Other Limit, 6-7 Pesitripo, 12-1 Thatchroyal, 16-1 others.

BETTING: 6-4 Bondosan 3-1 Salard Express, 9-2 Ower Lamt, 6-1 Pestidgo, 12-1 Marchanyal, 16-1 others, and has been cariching the eye of trent, watches a Meanmarket recently. However, SALFORD EXPRESS can boast more racecourse experience and showed plenty of ability in two starts last term — chasing home the odds on Tissates at Kemptinn (71) when tenderly handled before finishing a fine several to Madazan in a valuable sales race at Newmarket. Dehoush Initio finished numb). Surprise Encounter (10th) and Cassandra Go (16th) have already advertised the form of that cace this term and, furthermore, Salford Express is bred to relish this longer tro, Peter Crappie-Hyam has a fine record at this course and Outer Limit, a Caerlean colit, is likely to tonow his job. Peshbigo, who showed promise in deleta last season, should pay his way this term but is up against it today.

4.40 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,695: 7f) (10 runners)

A race to watch rather than bet on John Gosden has made a particularly lest start to the company and so Apple Of Kent, a particularly lest start to the company and so Apple Of Kent, a home so that is said to be working with at home and is napped by our Newmarket corresponderd. Gooff Wragg, who won a stimilar race with Cassandra Go at Headquarters on Wednesday, russ Passe Passe (a daughter of Leaf Fan) and NOTTHWAKE. The latter is bred to be a cut above average, theng related to the log-case Pertine, who Wragg also bettered, and might be good enough. Beggars Bellier (a half-sailer to fil winner Likely Story), Gentle Danne (tx Kris Idly out of Irm 2) winner Cascacca) and Vie Indianne (by Indian Rodge) are others worth trooling in the market

5.10 Levy Board Seventh Race Handicap (£6,320: 2m) (13 runners)

BETTING: 5-1 Bridle: Profix 6-1 Patriciani Size 13-2 Terrieri, 8-1 Benatom, Sauseiko Bay, Raintone High. Henry Island, Caregold, 10-1 cities.

France Company (20) cares.

A mind re-run of the Queen's Prize at Kempton (20) Last mouth as Bridge's Pride (3rd), Tanonen (4th), Bernatom (6th), Sea Fribedom (9th) and Danlegold (10th) at meet again Bridge's Pride is weighted to confirm the form but this front-runner might not be able to fend oil SALISALITO BAY A progressive stayer the season before eat, an Badding's charge was highly fred when manely disappromiting last season but there is plently of evidence to suggest he will bounce but here. He's been getted since the end of last season, has slipped to a favourable mark (21b lower than when last successful) and wall be uterally sorted by this galloping course. Moreover, be will be re-unificated with Keren Fallon for the first time since the combination of time Melinde Stales at York in August '97 Parturnan Star 1/10/2005 of nicely last term and finished off by chasing brine Veronica Franco in the Automo Ctep here in September He had Sausakto Bay 41 in arreas first day but the selection, 9th better off, is expected to furnithe tables. Rainthow High is not sure to get home white, in contact, this trip may provide an insofficient test for Cloud Inspector and Canade Smile.

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4.10 PETER SMITH MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-D: £4.760: 1m 3f 5yd) (7 runners)

Long translicap: Night Fight 8-3 Sylva Paradice 8-3, Speed On 8-2, Al Large 7-13, Mangus 7-7.

winner. CD course and distance winner, BF -

besten lavourite in must recent race). Going on which horse has won (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight to he carried Rider that she allowed.

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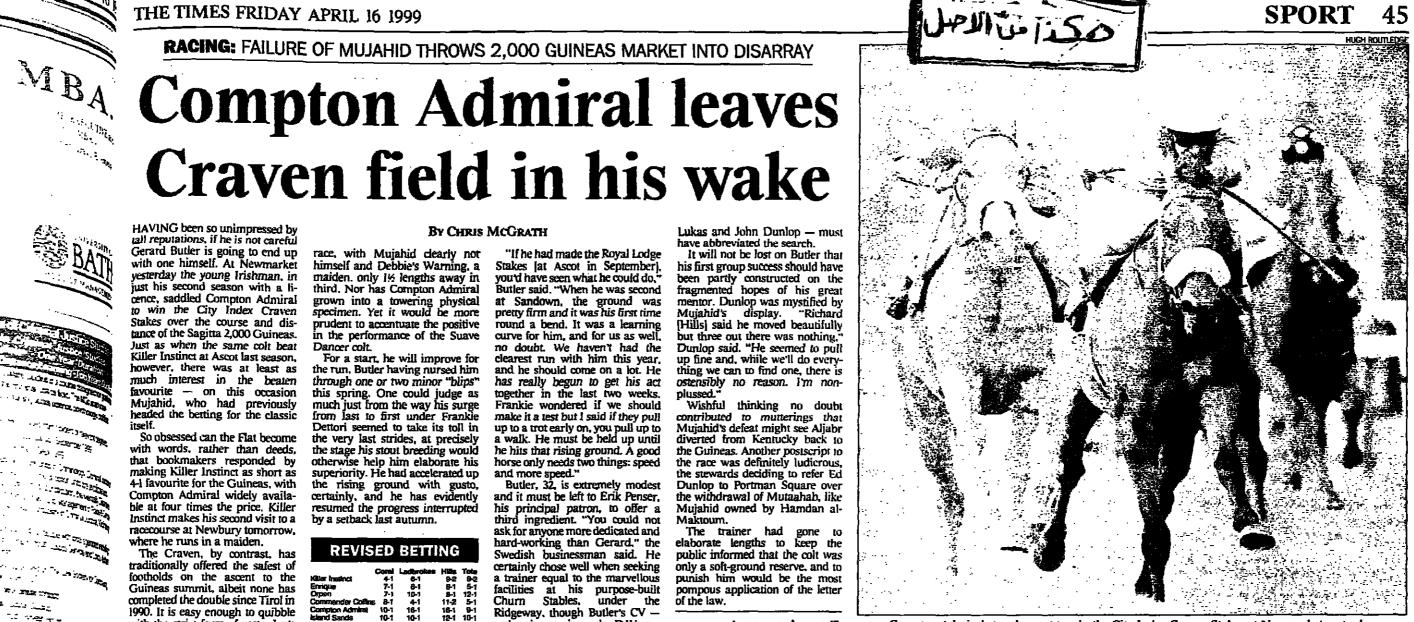
Lukas and John Dunlop - must have abbreviated the search. It will not be lost on Butler that his first group success should have

been partly constructed on the fragmented hopes of his great mentor. Dunlop was mystified by Mujahid's display. Richard [Hills] said he moved beautifully but three out there was nothing, Dunlop said. "He seemed to pull up fine and, while we'll do everything we can to find one, there is ostensibly no reason. I'm non-Wishful thinking no doubt

contributed to mutterings that Mujahid's defeat might see Aljabr diverted from Kentucky back to the Guineas. Another postscript to the race was definitely ludicrous, the stewards deciding to refer Ed Dunlop to Portman Square over the withdrawal of Mutaahab, like Mujahid owned by Hamdan al-

The trainer had gone to elaborate lengths to keep the public informed that the colt was only a soft-ground reserve, and to punish him would be the most pompous application of the letter

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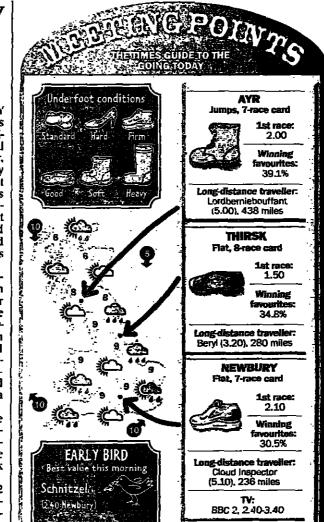
Compton Admiral stretches out to win the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

Dunwoody booked for Scotby

RICHARD DUNWOODY will ride Scotby as he seeks his first win in the Stakis Casinos Scottish Grand National at Ayr tomorrow. However, the former champion jockey will have to put up overweight on the nine-year-old, who has been set to carry 10st. Dunwoody rode Call It A Day at 10st 21b in the Martell Grand National last Saturday, and expects to do just 11b more this

Scotby's trainer, Bob Buckler, booked Dunwoody in place of regular rider Brendan Powell, who will be on the topweight and favourite, Young Kenny. "Brendan is confident he will win but I am getting him worried by telling him how well Scotby is it will be testing ground and Young Kenny has to give us a lot of weight," Buckler said. Tony Dobbin will replace Dunwoody on Prime Example, while Norman Williamson has been booked for the Hollybank lrish-trained

Buck. William Hill bets: 5-2 Young Kenny, 11-2 Clever Remark, 6-1 Scotby, 7-1 Hollybank Buck, 8-1 Tell The Nipper. 9-1 Prime Example, 12-1 Forest Ivory, 14-1 others.



THIRSK (£3,370: 1m) (18)

ROB WRIGHT 3.50 Killarney Jazz 1.50 Oriental

2.20 Willrack Times 4.20 Technician 2.50 Cauda Equina 4.50 Diamond Stealth 3.20 Anthem 5.20 Bow Peep (nb)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 WHITE SWAN AMPLEFORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,574, 6f) (14 nunners)

9-4 Oriental 11-4 Set Stuck In: 7-2 Usy, 7-1 Durnam Dancer, 14-1 Bollin Folland, 16-1 Pleasant Mount, 25-1 others

2.20 FEATHERS HOTEL, HELMSLEY NOVICE FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,055 5f) (9)

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2.50 HAMBLETON CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,795, 5f) (9)

4 05-6 BAY EREEZE 17 (D.F.G.S) P Feligine 6-9 4 N Callan (5) 8 5 3-04 MINRO PARK 17 (B.D.F.G.S) M End; 5-9-4 J Weater 4 6 500- NAPOLEON STAR 177 (B.D.F.) Miss J 1:22- 5-9 4 7 000 SHARP HAT 225 (F,G,S) T Entonington 5 94 R Cochrane 6 8 4210 POLLY MILLS B (B,D,S) F Exac 3-8-8 J F Egan 7 9 030 FRALY FRONT 161 (D,S) T Botton 3.8-5 K Darley 3 3-1 Mungo Paik, 9-2 Double Oscar 5-1 Cauda Equina, 6-1 Folly Mills, 13-Sharp Nai, 8-1 Gay Greeze 10-1 Ancentings, Fully Fruit, 25-1 Representative

3.20 CRAB AND LOBSTER AISENBY MAIDEN **STAKES** (3-Y-0: £4,003. Im 4f) (7)

7-4 Colonial State (3-1 Gold Lodge, 7-2 Anthem. 9-, Beryl, 16-1 Toraty Scotish, 25-1 Herecomescripte: Humbers Tweet.

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3.50 CARPENTERS ARMS FELIXKIRK HANDICAP

See racecards for detailed going

5-1 Februar, 5-1 The Westcurk, 7-1 Killamey Jazz, 8-1 Empire Gold, 18-1 olinois

4.20 NAGS HEAD PICKHILL HANDICAP (£3,683: 7f) (16)

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1 2002 REDOUBLABLE 11 (D.F.G.S.) D. Chapman 8-10-D. A. Culhane 15
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3 210 RAMBO WALTZER 11 (C.D.F.G.S.) D. Notcole 7-9-11 & Datheld 6
4 100 NONAYES ASH 188 (C.D.F.G.S.) D. Notcole 7-9-11 & Datheld 6
5 00-0 PERPONT 16 (F.D. Hockole, 4-9-10. Alta Strawes 5
6 150- CELANDRE 17-5 (D.F.) A. Unell 6-9-7. A. David 9)
7 00-0 CIMBRAN CARLSO 11 (B.F.) T. Easterby 4-9-7. A. David 9)
8 00-0 TERHANCIAN 72 (B) & Aston 4-9-6. ... V. Callan (G) 14
9 00-3 TECHNICIAN 72 (B) & Aston 4-9-6. ... V. Callan (G) 14
9 00-3 TECHNICIAN 72 (B) & Aston 4-9-6. ... V. Callan (G) 14
10 50-4 LUNCH PARNY 16 (CD.F.G.S.) Jenz 7-9-4 lona Wands (S) 7
11 -200 COOL PROSPECT 11 (B) & Ryan 4-9-4. A. McCarthy (S) 12
2 00-1 NUDITY HAL 104 (D.S.) & Calone 7-9-1. C. Tresque (3) 9
13 000- ASERNEEN 234 (F) M forch 4-9-13. ... Lake Sebson 6
14 0-50 OLLIE'S CHUCYLE 39-11 Journ 4-8-13. ... A. McStone 16
15 00-0 YOUNG-UN 16 M R 2n 4-8-13. ... L. Wester 4
16 -000 HAKEEM 18 (C) M fertime 4-3 11. ... D. Memmen (5)
6-1 Lunch Park 7-1 Burno Water. Technican 6-1 Repoubable, 10-1 others 6-1 Lunch Parly, 7-1 Russon Waters, Technicum, 8-1 Recoublishle, 10-1 other

4.50 WHITE SWAN AMPLEFORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div II. £3,548. 60) (14)

11-4 Salu, 9-2 Hoh Hon Seven, 5-1 Francport, Bollot Rita, 18-1 others.

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,920: 61) (24)

1 G30- PERFECT PEACH 240 (C.G.S) C Farthu st 4-10-0 J Weaver 21
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15-1 16-0 DOMBRELE 191 (D.F.G) T Extreby 7-9-6 . . R Cochanne 4
16-0 BOW PEEP 204 (D.F.S) M W Excistly 4-9-4 . . G Parkin 24
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THIRSK: Trainers: J Duntop, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35 0%. J Glover, 5 from 17, 29 4%; J Glosden, 6 from 21, 28,6%, J Fanshawe, 5 from 4, 20 8%, Mrs M Reveley, 6 from 37, 16,2% Jockeys: S Whyworth, 3 winners from 10 ndes. 30 0%; J Wesver, 17 from 81, 21 0%, A Darley, 20 from 101, 19 8%. A McGlone, 4 from 21, 19,0%; F Lynch, 6 from 35, 17 1%.





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CRICKET

Cool Lewis outfoxes tired Essex challenge

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 170 runs behind Leicestershire

CENTURIES from Paul Nixon and Chris Lewis. who featured in a partnership of 228 for the sixth Leicestershire wicket, put Essex firmly in their place on a windswept day at Chelmsford yesterday. Through these two, and James Whitaker, the running fox increased the distance between himself and his Essex pursuers after two days of this PPP Healthcare county championship match in which neither had established a clear advantage.

Apart from a spell when Mark Ilott and Ashley Cowan threatened with the second new ball, Nixon and Lewis were in full command. Nixon is the essence of the brisk, watchful, imperturbable sort of left-hander to bolster Eng-land's middle order while keeping wicket with the best of them. Lewis - everyone knows what a talented, if eccentric, all-rounder he can be added more than a touch of steely determination in a batting display that revealed all the class of a man who sees the ball earlier than most and

Nixon, not out overnight. batted for nearly 5hr 15min, having entered the fray with placed at 86 for four. Even against an attack as lacking in depth as that of Essex, this was a rare achievement and it brought him the eleventh century of his career and the second in successive championship innings, the last having been against Surrey at the

Oval seven months earlier. It came as something of a shock to discover that Lewis's eighth championship century. posted in 4hr 20min, was his first since he scored one for Nottinghamshire in 1994. Many trials and tribulations have beset him since, but to watch him bat yesterday was to see a man apparently at ease with himself and keen to make the most of his skills.

Lewis had time to spare against the Essex seamers, neat footwork to combat the spinners and showed the full face of the bat to the ball. He could not resist the odd touch of unnecessary flamboyance. but, for the most part, it was from worthy strokes that he punctured the field with 17 fours, to which were added a couple of sure, safe sixes.

The part played by Whitak-

er in the establishing of Leicestershire's first-innings leadshould not be overlooked. He stayed firm both on Wednesday evening, when the outlook was grim, and yesterday. He showed both that age had not worn him down and that the knee injury that kept him out of action all last season is not inhibiting his strokeplay.

By the time he left, to a batpad catch at short leg. Leicestershire were on the road to recovery through Nixon. Any chance Essex had of turning the tide disappeared when Nixon, on 89, gave an unaccepted stumping chance and Lewis, on 85, smashed the ball back at Peter Such for a technical caught and bowled, which so damaged the off spinner's right hand that he retired for the rest of the day.

Irani used his captain's prerogative to polish off a side by now in search of guick runs before having a fling at Essex. But Ilott looked the best of the Essex attack, despite the impression that he was lacking a yard or two of pace.

Leicestershire's day it was, almost completed with a wicket, but Paul Prichard was dropped at second slip off the fifth ball of the only over possible before had light took over. | benefit year, dismissed two of

Symonds leads Kent recovery

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (third day of four): innings wickets in hand, are three runs behind Kent

IT IS no small feat to hit the ball as hard on a soft pitch in England in mid-April as Andrew Symonds did yester-day. His innings of 69 was resonant of sunnier days in Australia or of his batting in the limited-overs game when he was last seen here, with Gloucestershire. His partner-ship of 105 with Robert Key was the centrepiece of Kent's innings of 286, which gave them a narrow lead over Key had a poor tour during

the winter with England A. managing just 52 runs in five innings, but his ability is not in question, not in Kent, at any rate. He and Symonds came together when their side were 59 for three and, if not quite the antithesis of each other, they complemented one another in a long partnership.

When Key was taken at short leg off Tufnell. a tame dismissal after such a diligent innings, he had made 86, with nine fours. Symonds, by contrast, punched the ball away through a strength emanating from his powerful forearms and a knowledge of earlyseason English conditions gleaned from his two years with Gloucestershire.

Kent specifically wanted an overseas player who would not be absent during the World Cup. Once Symonds was not required by Australia, he became their man and, in a pre-season match against Essex, showed exactly what he is capable of when he struck 123 off 131 balls. He will pepper a few boundaries this season, for sure.

Symonds had made 69 off 89 balls with ten fours and a six when he drove a little too early at one outside off stump from Hewitt and was caught at backward point. Of the rest of Kent's batting, only Marsh proved effective. Diplomatically allowed to come in ahead of Fleming, his successor as captain, he struck six fours in a robust innings of 43.

As for the Middlesex attack. Hewitt finished with five wickets, including those of Ward and Wells in his first spell, and Walker with a shortish ball outside off stump that a taller man would have cut into the ground rather than straight to gully. Tufnell, who would be delighted to regain his England place in this, his

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anatoly Karpov, the former

world champion, once domi-

nated the chess scene. Indeed,

he is still the official Fide

(world chess federation) world

champion. However, over the

past few years he has been unable to replicate the form

that brought him many tour-

nament victories in the past.

At Dos Hermanas Karpov is

struggling, with just one win,

one loss and the rest of his

games drawn. Today I give his

loss against Miguel Illescas,

the Spanish grandmaster.

Caro-Kann Defence

Kh7 e4 Ne5 b5 Nf3

White: Miguel Illescas

Black: Anatoly Karpov

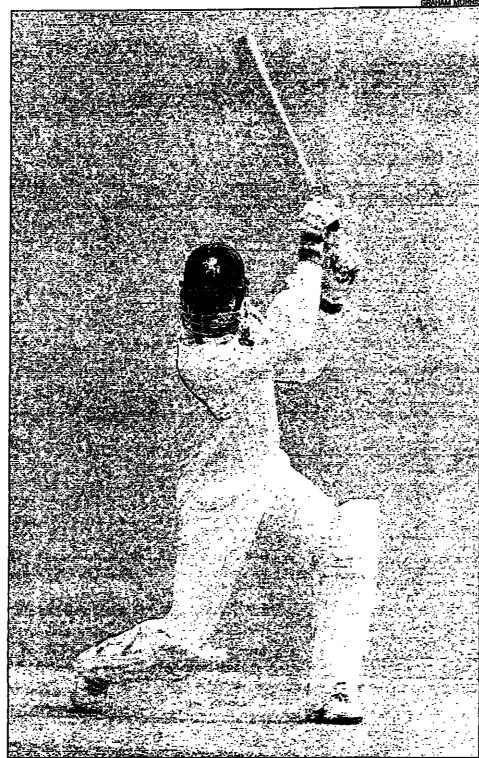
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Nd2

Nxe4 Ng3 h4

Ne5 Bd3

Karpov's complaint



Symonds plays an attacking stroke during his innings of 69 for Kent at Lord's yesterday

the main contributors in a steady speil. He will be all the fresher, he feels, after a winter away from the game.

So Kent gained a 32-run lead. In the 12 overs that Middlesex had in the evening, they lost Kettleborough. stumped by Marsh as he attempted to go down the pitch to Patel. Roseberry did not open the innings on account of having a badly bruised right thumb. To come up with a positive result from here will be quite an achievement.

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h2

Kg8 e2

Qc6 e1Q Qxb6-i

Qc5 Kf5 Kf4

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Qc6 Kf5

Kg4 Qb6+

Qe3+

Diagram of final position

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Black resigns

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35 Nx15

42 Qxh2

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55 Qd3

56 Qd4+ 57 Qd3+

58 Kb3

64 Qd4

a5

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S A P Wells c Nash b Hewitt A Symonds c Ramprakash b Hewitt M J Walker c Langer b Hewitt S A Marsh c Weekes b Tudnell

Extras (fb 1, nb 2)... FALL OF WICKET 1-24 BOWLING: Heartley 2-1-6-0, Tho 6-3-9-0; Patel 4-1-13-1. KENT: First innince.

R W T Key c Kettleborough b Tufnell. ... 86

nith low b Cook ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-27, 3-59, 4-164, 5-170, 6-220, 7-255, 8-255, 9-284. Bonus points: Middlesex 6 Kent 6.

Durham benefit as Morris hits out

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Durham, with six first-innings wickets in hand. are one run ahead of Worces-

AS A benefit season launch. John Morris could scarcely have wished for more, except, perhaps, a hundred in the last summer of his six-year contract. Instead, he scored 55 from 82 balls, having made a brash statement by initially pulling Jason de la Pena for

With deep irony. Durham are controlling this game in a fashion with few precedents in their seven-year history. yet only one day remains because of bad weather. Their best hope is to bag another three batting points, a draw and 12 in all to begin the quest for top league status next summer. when the leading-nine cut-off is made.

Lewis, recovering from his troubled batting times last summer, joined Morris in making a half-century. The pair added 91 from 20 overs hefore Worcestershire opted for the more seasoned combination of Lampitt and Illingworth.

Belatedly, Lampitt was enlisted to deliver the 33rd over after Durham had raced to 130 for two, Lewis having gone leg-before to a full-length ball from de la Pena. Morris. bogged down by Illingworth's tormenting line, lurched forward and was stumped, leaving Boon and Collingwood to squeeze Durham ahead. Almost symbolically, after

Durham's past struggles, it became a grinding process, contrasting with the earlier freedom of Lewis, Morris and Daley, who struck five fours. Morris enjoyed his joust with Liptrot, 19, a fast-medium bowler from Wigan making his county championship debut, and Daley, similarly, found de la Pena to his taste when play eventually began at

2.40pm At 35, Morris remains a batting enigma yet, with 47 firstclass centuries, he is less than 400 runs short of 20,000 in his career. Flirtation with danger is part of his batting charm hence his dismissal just as Durham could have anticipated a bigger lead, given

Butcher maintains Surrey's control

By GEOFFREY DEAN

THE OVAL (third day of four): Surrey, with five second-in-nings wickets in hand, are 285 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

SURREY served notice yester. day that their championship challenge is going to be as serious this year as it was last To bowl Gloucestershire out for 213 on a pitch as good as this one was a commendable effort, even if some of the visitors got out to strokes best described as early-season ones. Mark Butcher, by contrast

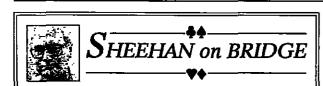
has looked like a player in the middle of a purple patch, rather than someone making his first appearance since the Sydney Test. His 98 not out off 139 balls was a sparkling adornment to another cold grey afternoon. Sadly, hardly any spectators were present to witness such an accomplished

Those hardy souls who did make it were also rewarded with a fine exhibition by Salisbury, whose return of five for 44 was instrumental in Gloucestershire's cheap dismissal. He spun several deliveries quite sharply, posed a continual threat with his googly, which was seldom picked, and conceded only five fours in 17 overs. The leg break with which he removed Windows was a peach.

At one point it seemed unlikely that Gloucestershire would save the follow-on, having slipping to 160 for eight which left them 33 short. But Harvey, forced down the order because of a sore back, thumped 30 in the space of 20 balls after taking 18 to get off the mark. He took 17 off one over from Ben Hollioake. whose sore shins cannot have helped him. Bicknell was admirable, and Tudor fast but fractionally too wide of off

Butcher, as he did in the first innings, scored the bulk of his 17 boundaries on the off side. As many as eight came off Lewis, who was wayward with the new ball. Wickets fell regularly around Butcher, but he watched these comines and goings with his custom-ary stoicism, never failing to punish anything loose. Smith swung the ball to take four good wickets, but like the others, he never came close to removing Butcher.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Begin Bridge with The Times: Lesson 52 -Opening Leads

Last week I gave some guidance about which suit to choose when you needed to find an opening lead. You now have to decide which card to lead from that suit. This decision will sometimes be the same whether you are leading against a suit contract or no-trumps, but sometimes it will be a different card.

A lead from a suit headed by one honour (not the ace) Against a suit contract or no-trumps, lead your fourth highest (see Lesson 17), the four, from the following holdings:

(B) Q 9 5 4

From (C), a three-card suit, you should choose your lowest card (against no-trumps you would not normally choose to lead from a three-card suit unless partner had bid it).

A lead from a suit headed by the ace You would also lead fourth highest against a no-trump con-tract, but it is inadvisable to lead low from an ace against a suit contract - if declarer or dummy has a singleton you may never make your ace. Indeed, unless you have a strong reason for choosing this suit it may be better to choose another

A lead from a suit without an honour Here, against both a suit contract and no-trumps, the common practice is to lead your second highest card. So, lead the seven from the following holdings:

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On the next round you play your original fourth-highest (here the three) if you started with a four-card or longer suit. If you started with a three-card suit you play your highest card next. This is known as MUD (Middle Up Down).

If you started with a doubleton only, then you would lead your top card on the first round.

A lead from a suit with two or more honours If you have three honours in a suit you should always lead one of them (against a suit or no-trumps): top of touching honours.

(E) KQ 1065

From (D) and (E) lead the king. From (F) where the honour sequence is broken, lead the top of the touching honours. With two non-touching honours, always lead your fourth 24 highest. With two touching honours against a suit contract, lead the higher honour, but against a no-trump contract lead

your fourth highest: It is important that you and your partner follow these guidelines because much of the subsequent defence will be based on the information given by the opening lead.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

a. A Spartan seri b. A verse form c. A medieval miniskirt

NEODAMODE a. A mercenary under contract b. Inclined to pity

PLÄBA a. A rope bridge a. A type of peacock b. A sandal b. A Lydian hieroglyph c. An exotic minnow c. A witch doctor

c. Joint heirship

By Raymond Keene PARCENARY White to play. This position is

(F) KJ1065

gold, Tallinn 1999. Black may have thought that he had the white initiative under control here. If so White's next move would have come as a rude shock. What did he play? Answers on page 50 Solution on page 50

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18; 10th J Herbert 17; 11th R Schumscher 16; 12th O Panis 15; 13th J Truff 14; 14th J Alesi 13; 15th P Diniz 12; 16th A Zanardi 11; 17th S Sarrazin 10;

14; 14th J Alesi 13; 15th P Diniz 12; 16th A Zanardi 11; 17th S Sarrazin 10; 18th P de la Rosa 9; 19th T Takagi 8; 20th M Gene 7. Finisting points (scored for the top 20 classified positions at the end of every grand prix); 1st M Hakkinen 60 points; 2nd M Schumacher 50; 3rd H-H Frentzen 40; 4th R Schumacher 30; 5th E twine 29; 6th O Panis 26; 7th A Wurz 27; 8th T Takagi 26; 9th M Gene 25. (Only 9 were classified. H-H Frentzen was classified athough he did not finish the race.) Lap points (one point for each lap completed): M Hakkinen 72 points; M Schumacher 72; H-H Frentzen 71; R Schumacher 71; E Invire 71; O Panis 71; A Wurz 70; T Takagi 69; M Gene 69; P de la Rosa 52; J Villeneuve 49; A Zanardi 43; R Barrichello 42; P Diniz 42; G Fisichella 38; S Sarrazin 31; J Alesi 27; D Goulthard 22; J Trufii 21; J Herbert 15; D Hill 10. Fastest lap time of grand prix. M Hakkinen 10 points. Penalty polists incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): D Coulthard -10 points; J Villeneuve -10. Did not finials the race (10 points deducted): H-H Frentzen -10 points: P de la Rosa -10; J Villeneuve -10; A Zanardi -10; R Barrichello -10; J Trufii -10; G Fisichella -10; S Sarrazin -10; J Alesi -10; D Coulthard -10; J Herbert -10; D Hill -10. Not starting after

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BOWLING Malcolm 29-3-116-6, Taylor 31-11-57-2, Swarm 18-7-43-1 Follen 15-2-46-0; Penberthy 14-7-32-0

CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE ALL-ROUNDER'S CENTURY EARNS PLACE IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Early claim to fame for Brown

By PAT GIBSON

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire have scored 300 for nine wickets against Northamptonshire

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Surrey

DOUGIE BROWN, who cannot play for his native Scotland in the World Cup this summer because he has already fulfilled his ambition to play for England, left both countries to reflect on what they will be missing yesterday by scoring the first century of his career and the first in the PPP Healthcare county charnpionship this season.

It was also the earliest century in the history of the championship, beating by two days the hundred that Neil Smith, his new Warwickshire captain, made against Durham at Edgbaston last year.

Any disappointment Smith may have felt about losing such a tenuous claim to fame was tempered by the way that Brown shored up a suspect batting order and more than justified his decision to bat first on a seaming pitch.

When Brown went in on Wednesday, the Warwickshire

THE PARKS (second day of three):

Oxford University, with three first-in-

nings wickets in hand, are 282 runs

A WEEK after being shot out for just

81 by Worcestershire in their opening

game of the season, the Oxford

University batsmen again struggled

to come to terms with a county

bowling attack as they slipped to 115

for seven at the end of another bitter-

took Hampshire through to their

lunchtime declaration, the visiting

bowlers took 16 overs to get their line

right. But once Nick Pirihi shoul-

sixteenth over, the Oxford wickets fell

regularly. Dave Eadie held firm for

27 overs while making 15 and Byron

Byrne and Jamie Fulton both threat-

ened to build an innings before

succumbing to Shaun Udal and Alex

In the end, though, it was left to

Jezz Barnes, the Oxford wicketkeep-

er, to play an innings of any

sustained substance. Coming to the

crease with the Oxford innings in

some considerable disarray at 61 for

five, he played with refreshing author-

Morris respectively.

After Derek Kenway's 56 not out

behind Hampshire

ly cold day.

score was looking decidedly anaemic at 73 for three, with Piper retired hurt with a broken finger. When the last of the showers ended another wintry day he was still there on 126, having shared stands of 65 with Hemp, 61 with Welch and 50 with the return-

ing Piper.
It was a significant milestone for Brown, 29, a raw-boned son of Stirling who once played in goal for Scotland Under-18 at Hampden Park before deciding to pursue a cricket career with Warwickshire, for whom he made his debut in 1992, and England.

He knew that the writing was on the wall as far as his World Cup hopes were concerned when he was dropped from the England squad for the one-day internationals in Australia earlier this year after he had been picked for the three previous overseas jaunts, to Sharjah, the West Indies and Bangladesh.

Brown was determined, however, that it would not be the end of the road for him as an international cricketer. On

mark. With some crisp driving

Barnes, who is soon to be ordained

into the Anglican Church, twice

struck Udal to the cover boundary

and showed solid defence during his

Oxford's lack of batting solidity is

sure to be a concern as they prepare

for the Varsity match, but it is under-

standable, to a degree, given that James Molins, Douglas Lackhart

and Mark Wagh, their accomplished top three of last year, have all moved

One recent arrival, who is expected

partly to fill that void, is Jamie Louw,

who was in the same Natal Universi-

ty side as Shaun Pollock, the South

season. But how he must long for the

hard South African pitches that he

grew up on. An opener by inclina-

tion, his previous three innings for

the Dark Blues had ended scoreless.

occasion, he at least had the relief of

getting his first runs in England and

a fierce pulled four off Morris

suggested that he is capable of some

substantial innings. But this was not to be his day as Morris hurried one

Dropped down the order on this

90 minutes at the crease.

on to new pastures.

leg-before each time.

Barnes gives Oxford

batting tutorial

By Barney Spender

dered arms to Simon Renshaw in the Africa all-rounder, in the 1992-93



Brown, who made his first class hundred at the 128th attempt, ducks under a short ball from Penberthy yesterday

FENNER'S (first day of three; Somer-

set won toss): Cambridge University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Somerset

JAMIE COX'S first job as the new

Somerset captain was to win the toss

on a sunny but chill morning and he

happily elected to bat on a firm yet

easy-paced pitch, going in first with Peter Bowler, his predecessor.

Both had a close look at the Univer-

sity attack, the prolific Tasmanian

taking seven overs to get off the

mark, but he quickly discarded his

helmet as the bowling was far from

hostile. There was a certain inevitabil-

ity about a large opening partner-

ship, although Bowler was dropped

in the gully from a fierce slash at a

The University fielding was far

from what could have been expected

from a side coached by Derek Ran-

dall, although Malcolm Burks, per-haps the tallest first-class wicketkeep-

er, was an exception, despite the bowl-

ing becoming untidy towards the end.

Cox reached his 50 just before lunch while Greg Loveridge, the New

Zealand leg spinner, was bowling his

best spell in a 29-over stint which cost

him 101 runs. The pick of the Cam-

bridge attack was a freshman. Chris

long hop when he was only six.

his own admission, he has never fulfilled his potential with the bat, so he spent the winter at the indoor school with Neal Abberley, the Warwickshire coach, working on his technique and, as he put it, his brain, his mind-set and his whole approach to batting. The lessons paid off the first

time he put them into practice.

finalised.

McGrath to

consider the

county scene

GLENN McGRATH, the Australia

fast bowler, could be playing county

cricket in England next year. The 29-year-old, at present in the West

Indies with the Australia one-day touring party, declined to discuss

details of several offers, other than to

confirm that they were being

McGrath expects to play Test

cricket for another five years, giving

him enough time to supersede Dennis Lillee's record tally for an

Australian of 355 Test wickets.

However, Geoff Marsh, the Austral-

ia coach, has expressed fears that, if

McGrath plays all the year round, it

could have an adverse effect on his

In Grenada, Darren Lehmann,

who was discarded by the Australia

Test side, hit a superb unbeaten

110to pave the way for a convincing

46-run win by Australia's one-day

team over West Indies. The victory

levelled the scores in the seven-

Australia scored 288 for four from

their allotted 50 overs, a record for

one-day matches between the two

sides, before the hosts stuttered to

242 all out Lehmann shared a

record partnership of 172 for the fifth

wicket with Michael Bevan, who

international form.

match series at 1-1.

finished on 72 not out.

He had augmented his lively fast-medium bowling with 17 fifties in his previous 127 firstclass innings, but now he went further, disciplining himself against some demanding bowling from Taylor, Follett and Penberthy and getting closer to the ball, as he had been taught, to limit the possibilities of it moving a long way.

England's — and Scotland's - loss is going to be Warwick-shire's gain. How much they need runs from their all-rounders was emphasised yesterday when Hemp ran out of luck on 64 and was caught behind off Malcolm. Smith and Giles soon followed, one holing out

to mid-off against Taylor, the

New leader starts

reign with century

BY PHILIP AUGUST

Swann, but Brown's efforts seemed to inspire Welch and

Both of them eventually fell to Malcolm, and when he also had Munton leg-before he had taken six for 116 in 29 overs. He could not dislodge Brown, however, who has batted for 305 minutes, faced 235 balls other yorking himself against

Sayers, a medium pacer from Mill-

field. Twice he got the ball to jump

Cox, like all Australians, runs well

and he timed the ball sweetly either

side of the wicket. This was a gentle

introduction to English cricket for

him and he moved untroubled to his

century in 181 balls. His was the only

wicket to fall, to a steepling catch at

Jason Kerr, confined to second XI

cricket as a batsman last season due

to a shoulder injury which prevented

him bowling, made a sound 30 and

now he is bowling again could fulfil

his early promise. Bowler has always

loved batting and his 140 from 304

balls was a sound professional per-

The declaration gave the Universi-

ty an unpleasant half hour in fading

light. Paul Jarvis, formerly of York-shire and more recently Sussex,

accounted for Ben Collins, who

aimed an ambitious pull at his sec-

ond ball and was caught at mid-off.

Jarvis's partner, Matt Bulbeck.

swung the ball late and has gathered

pace since last year. The Somerset

seam attack should be a potent force

this season but it is doubtful whether

Cox and Bowler will again find condi-

tions so much in their favour.

from a good length.

long-off.

formance.

90MLING lich 33-9-115-3, Cowan 27-6-83-2, Irani 23-1-5-59-4, Such 21-2-3-70-0; Grayson 26-10-56-1, Law 5-4-0-25-0 Surrey v Gloucestershire Second Immigs

tJ N Barry not out Extres (b 5, lb 1)

CHOLICESTERSHERE: First bring J Barneti c Batty b Bicknell. ... TH C Hancock b G P Butcher .. . D R Hewson o Salisbury
"M W Alleyne low o Bicknell M G N Windows c Batty b Satisbury J N Snape low b Salsbury †R C Russell not out M C J Ball b Salsbury J Lews c Brown b Bicknes I J Harvey c Shahid b Hollingke A M Smith c M A Butcher b Salisbury

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-39, 3-52, 4-110, 5-118, 6-147, 7-147, 8-160, 9-212 BOWLING: Backnell 22-7-56-3: Tudor 17-2-46-0: Salisbury 17-2-6-44-5; G P Butcher 9-4-19-1; Holiosia 7-1-42-1;

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

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G Welch c Hayden b Malcolm
T A Munton low b Malcolm

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

PPP Healthcare

DAYAD BURNET

Durham v Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immgs 152 (D A Leatherdale 85, S J E Brown & for 25) **DURHAM:** First Innings

J A Daley o Phodes b Lamper ... P D Collingwood not out. Estras (to 5. no 2) ... Total (4 wide)...

tM P Speight, M M Betts, J Wood, S J E Brown and S J Harmison to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-96, 3-138, 4-138 BOWLING Shenyar 10.2-3\$-1, De la Pena 12-5-43-1. Leatherdale 1-0-2-0. Liptrot 5-0-32-0, tlingworth 12-3-29-1, Lamptit 6-5-7-1

Bonus points. Durham 4 Words 1 Umpires, J.C. Baidenstone and G.I. Burgess Essex v Leicestershire

CHELMSFORD (third day of lour): Essex with all second-innings wickers in hand, are 170 runs behind Leicestershire ESSEX: First Innings 252 (P J Prichard 91)

Second Innings P J Prichard not out Total (no witt) BOWLING Kasprowicz 1-0-2-0 LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A Habib c Rollins b trans... B F Smith b Cowen "J J Whitaker c Peters b Cowan 1P A Nixon Ibw b flots M.S. Kasprowicz c sub b Irani J Ormond c Prichard b Irani M.T. Brimson not out Extras (b.8, ib.8, nb.6)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-36, 2-63, 3-63, 4-86, 5-153, 6-381, 7-408, 8-406, 9-422

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer

THE OVAL (filled day of four): Surey, with five second-imings wickets in hand, are 266 runs ahead of Gloucastershire SURREY: First innings 342 (LJ Ward 78, M A Buicher 68, A M Smith 4 for 93)

*M A Butcher not out I J Ward c Barnett b Smith J D Ratcille c Alleyne b Laws N Shahid c Ball b Smith A D Brown c Russell b Smith

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-1, 2-32, 3-111, 4-119. BOWLING: Smith 13-3-23-4, 11-2-43-1; Allayrie 10-2-33-0; 13-1-47-0, Snape 1-0-4-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 6 Gloucs 5 Umpres: B Dudieston and J F Steele

county championship

CHESTER-LE-STREET (thad day of lour) Durham, with so, hist-mings wickels in hand, are one run ahead of Worcestershoe

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: "M L Hayden, R J Bailey, M B Loye, R J Warren, D J G Sales. A L Penberthy, G P Swann, †D Ripley, J P Taylor, D Follett, D E Malcolm. Borus points Warks 3 Northerns 4 Umpres MJ Kitchen and A G T Whitehead.

Total (9 wids)_

NO PLAY: Old Trafford (third day of four) Sussex 285-5 (M T E Perce 77, R R Monigomene 62) v Lancashire

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FALL OF WICKET 1-0 BOWLING Jarvis 3-3-0-1. Bulbeck 3-0-13-0 Umpres. A A Jones and N G Cowley



Malcolm: six wickets

Oxford University v Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

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A C Morns and S J Renshaw did not bat FALL OF WICHETS 1-7, 2-49, 3-279, 4-330. 5-335 BOWLING Fino 30-10-76-0. Mainer 30-11-54-2 Finan 23-4-93-1. Hros. 36-4-105-2 Byrne 16-4-48-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: N G Pohi Bw b Renshaw D J Eadle Ibw b Udal "JA Claughton libw b Mas B W Byrne libw b Udal JA G Fulton b Morns JH Louw libw b Morns J P B Barnes not out T C Hicks not out. Dikino c White b Stephenson

Total (7 wkts)

S H khan and D P Mather to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-23, 2-36, 3-36, 4-56, 5-61, 6-70, 7-98 BOWLING Lugsden 8-4-11-0 Morns 13-4-19-2 Renchaw 6-3-6-1, Mascalenhas 8-5-6-1, Udal 17-7-35-2, White 1-0-7-0, Stephenson 7-3-19-1 Umpires TE Jesiy and J W Lloyds

through him - you guessed it, leg-before once again. ity to take the Dark Blues past the 100 TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Nick-off 7:30 unless stated Nationwide League First division Barnsley v Sunderland (7.45)... Colchesier v Norts County (7.45)..... RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billex-Icav v Enfield (7 45) FAI HARP MATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: SI Pamch's Alh v Cork (7 35). Waterford v Dundalk (7 45) UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE

2.00 Father Krismas

3.00 To-Day To-Day

(£4,497, 2m) (6 runners)

HURDLE (£5,121: 2m 4l) (8)

Carl Evans: 4.30 Ensign Ewart.

2.00 WESTERN HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE

11-8 Father Nicross 7-4 Alternation, 13-2 Sen Francisco, 12-1 Oksedolare, 14-1 Fisherman's Cove. 25-1 The Gier Oyer.

2.30 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NH NOVICES

1 1614 BUCK'S PALADE 44 (G.S.) P Nacholis 6-11-10. J Tizzard 113
2 2217 BORA BORA 11 (D.S.) N Watson-Davies 6-11-5 C Llowellyn 94
3 2271 ADIXO 11 (D.S.) F Marghy 6-11-0. A Maguer FSB
4 4-14 CONCHOROR 41 (G.S.) R Buley 7-11-0. W WHITENESON 94
5 FI HALLRULE 27 J Divis 5-11-0. A Dobbin 40
6 5111 PLENTY COURAGE 18 (C.F.S.) F Story 5-11-0. B Story 68
7 4323 RED NOT (NOVAN 35 (8F.S.) I Lurgo 6-11-0. R Supple 69
8 40 CRAGE BELLE 21 D ROBERSON 7-10-9 Mr C R Weaver (7)

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ROB WRIGHT

3.30 Weaver George

5.00 Merry Masquerade

4.00 Castle Clear

4.30 Howayman

CRICKET county championship 11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

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RUGBY UNION **WELSH LEAGUE Premier divisio** priote v Ebbw Vale (7.15). OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser play-off cham-pionethip: Quarter-final, tritrid leg: Shel-leid Sherks v Greater London Leopards (at Ponds Forge ISC, 7 45).

3.30 HILLHOUSE QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE

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4.30 ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS ILPH

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5.00 CHOICE HOTELS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,937: 2m 6f) (11)

4.00 ALLOWAY CHASE (£5,865: 2m) (3)

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HUNTERS CHASE (£2,921: 3m 3f 110yd) (6)

4-5 Castle Clear, 13-8 Caton Lan. 4-1 Meltinum Pari.

Forge, Sheffield, on May 15. Nelson, 32, won the title from Carl Thompson in five rounds in Derby last month, after failed attempts against Carlos de Leon, of Puerto Rico, with whom he drew in 1990, and James Warring, an American, who beat him on points two years later. Scott, 29, Jamaican-born but based in Hackney, moved up a division from light-heavyweight in late 1996.

towards rejoining the world's elite with a 42 victory over Hungary in pool B of the world championships in Odense, Denmark, yesterday. Peter Woods's side guaranteed themselves a top-four place in the eight-nation group and with it an attempt at the play-offs for pool A qualification this year. The victory also set up a gold-medal showdown with the host nation tomorrow, though the Danes' goal difference may prove crucial.

BASEBALL: Darryl Strawberry, the New York Yankees stalwart, has been charged with soliciting prostitution and possession of cocaine, police in Tampa, Florida, said yesterday. He was arrested for offering an undercover policewoman \$50 for sex and officers also found three-tenths of a gram of cocaine powder in his wallet. Strawberry, who hit 24 home runs last season, underwent surgery for colon cancer in October last year.

E REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, of Great Britain, the women's world champion, made good use of home advantage on the Holyport court to defeat Alison Cockeroft and reach the quarter-finals of the Harvey Joseph British Open championship in convincing style. Jane Lippincott, of the United States, came from 5-2 down in the final set to defeat Brenda Sabbagg, the No 8 seed, her compatriot, and now meets Lumley in the last eight.

E ROWING: Simon Dennis and Steve Williams took advantage of withdrawals to win the pairs title at the international trials at Nottingham (Mike Rosewell writes). James Cracknell and Ed Coode won their early-morning semi-final in subzero temperatures but illness forced them to pull out of the final. Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop, the world championship silver medal-winners last summer. won the women's pairs.

■ TENNIS: Richard Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, served II aces to beat David Prinosii and reach the Japan Open quarter-finals yesterday, but is still struggling to become accustomed to the hard-court surface. Krajicek, of The Netherlands, needed more than his service to beat the German 6-4, 6-4 and said: "I didn't feel completely in control for the whole match." The Dutchman won the Japan title in 1997.

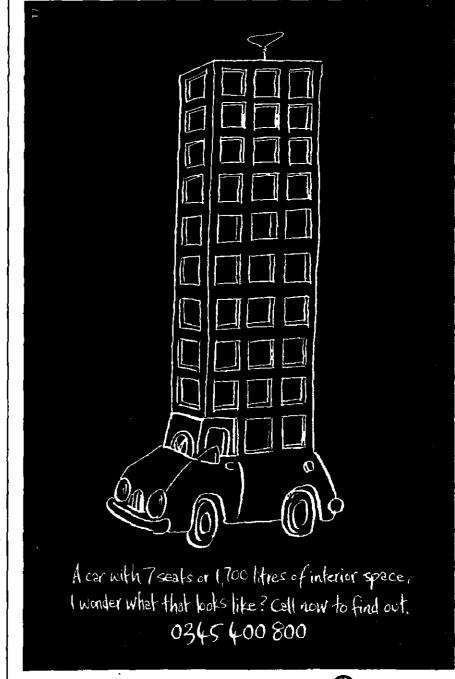
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SPORT IN BRIEF

Nelson makes defence

■ BOXINE: Johnny Nelson will make the first defence of his World Boxing Organisation cruiserweight title before his hometown supporters when he fights Bruce Scott at Ponds

E ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain completed the first step



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2-1 Action, 3-1 Buck's Palace, 7-2 Bura Bola, 4-1 Conchebon, 8-1 Plenty Courage 18-1 Red Hot Indian, 56-1 Hallrule, Clargic Bellie 3.00 MACLAYS BREWERY AND NEWLANDS ESTATE

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ues for Kingstonian when they travel to Whaddon Road for the FA Umbro Trophy semi-final second-leg match tomorrow, just four days after having made the journey for a Nationwide Conference match that Cheltenham won 1-0.

That victory, coupled with Rushden and Diamonds' 2-1 defeat by Yeovil, left Cheltenham needing to win home matches against Forest Green Rovers on Tuesday and Yeovil on Thursday to secure promotion to the Nationwide League.

Having drawn 2-2 at Kings-meadow in the first leg of the Trophy semi-final, Cheltenham, the holders after beating Southport at Wembley last May, remain on course to follow Wealdstone (1985). Colchester United (1992) and Wycombe Wanderers (1993) as winners of the double.

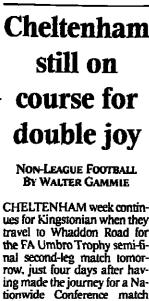
At the foot of the Conference. Farnborough Town must beat Doncaster Rovers at Cherrywood Road tomorrow and hope Barrow lose at Stevenage Borough to avoid relegation. Even if Farnborough go down, Dean Coney, the caretaker-manager, would like the job on a full-time basis.

"I've had ten games during which I've had to play two youth-team players and three reserve-team players," he said. "But we've been hit by injuries and suspensions and at the time of the transfer deadline weren't in a position to sign anyone. If we get players in to strengthen the team, I see no reason why we shouldn't come straight back up."

Coney knows it is possible. Farmborough did just that after relegation in the 1989-90 season and then took two seasons when sent down again in 1992-93.

Leek Town go into their match at Yeovil tomorrow under the temporary stewardship of Tony Agana, after the dismissal of Ernie Moss in the wake of a 4-1 home defeat by Hayes last Saturday.

Leek made a tentative approach to John Rudge, through Linden Davies, the former chairman and a personal friend, but Rudge was advised not to involve himself with another club while his dispute over his dismissal by Port Vale remains unresolved.





One sweet moment of genius

ne always suspected that it would take a genius, penalties or the toss of a coin to separate Arsenal and Manchester United on Wednesday night and, fortunately, it fell to the genius. What was left as Ryan Giggs limped away from the scene of his brilliance was to decide whether his goal was the best of the season, decade, or, in the case of those United supporters inebriated on success, the century.

If context is everything in sport, as Alex Ferguson claimed, then he was entitled to elevate Giggs's goal among the greats. The closest comparison that the United manager could remember was John Barnes's slalom run for England against Brazil on the night an Englishman taught the beach boys how to dribble,

but that was during a friendly. This FA Cup semi-final replay had been turned into a two-hour pitch battle and Giggs's strike provided a final, riotous explosion.

"It's his balance," Ferguson once said, "that gives him a real chance of being truly great." and it was that uncoachable quality that enabled him to glide through the best defence in Europe. "He can wrong-foot any-

body just by movement. Just when you think a tackler is going to get to the ball, he seems to float or ride over the challenge," Ferguson added, and Arsenal will testify to his powers of levitation. It was a goal scored as much by his swaying hips and shoulders as his thunderous left foot.

Only supporters of Arsenal should have cursed his wizardry, because a flying Giggs has

English game has been much the poorer for it. Some of his ex-uberance, the tricks and the inhibition appeared to have disappeared from his football. He had become functional rather than mesmerising.

The boy wonder appeared to

have turned into a 25-year-old with cares. "He has been trying to embrace all parts of the game," Ferguson said by way of explanation, before adding: "but you can never take away the genius."
Perhaps Arsenal could and

should have stopped him. A little nudge, a clip of the ankle perhaps, or an unseen tug on his shirt and the Welshman would have tumbled to the turf. But Giggs had only been on the pitch for an hour, the Arsenal defence for almost two and they could not even get close enough to trip him.

become hard to find and the Their despairing tackles betrayed a tiredness that was close to exhaustion.

Patrick Vieira, whose rare mistake had provided Giggs with the ball ten yards inside his own half, could not recover the lost ground as the winger raced off like a greyhound from the stalls.

As he hurtled towards the penalty area, Lee Dixon missed once and came back for a second go, but Giggs slipped between him and Martin Keown as if he was skipping through the daisies. Next came a thundering Tony Adams, but his lunge was too late. The ball was already rising irresistibly past a sinking-David Seaman and the roof of the net bulged like a windsock in a gale.

It was a finish worthy of the most expansive celebrations and Giggs did not let us down.

Normally one of the more restrained figures, he tore off his shirt to reveal his willowy torso and whirled his jersey in

the air like a lasso. "In terms of coming in an important game, that goal stands alone," his manager said, perhaps acknowledging the debate that would inevitably follow.

o does it bear comparison? Ricardo Villa's twists and turns in the 1981 FA Cup Final for Tottenham Hotspur may have lacked the whirlwind effect of Giggs's pace, but it rounded off a touching tale of despair and glory.

An Englishman who can set aside his envy for just a moment will acknowledge that Diego Maradona's second goal for Argentina in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final was at least as comparable in execution and stature to Giggs. How about Michael Owen's rapier run through the heart of the Argentina defence last summer?

There are bludgeoning strikes (Ronny Radford) and curling free kicks (Roberto Carlos) that will be used in evidence against Giggs, as will justifiable claims that Seaman should have stood up, that the Arsenal defence missed tackles and that the United winger barely touched the ball in his 60-yard dash.

So perhaps the last word should be with the van-quished. "Giggs's goal was one of the best I have ever seen," Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal left back, said, "but that does not make the defeat any easier to bear." He, at least, will not be waiting for the television replays.

GOALS THAT LIVE IN THE MEMORY

R:AN GIGGS'S winning goal on Wednesday night has been hailed by some as the greatest goal of all time. Here are ten other contendens:

pelé (Brazil v Sweden, World Cup final, June 1958) Cup three, June 1999;
Having almost missed tournament because of knee injury, 17-year-gld Pele announces presence on world stage with first of his two goals, an final. Cormolling high ball in crowded penalty area, flicks bell over his head, swivels and volteys home.

Bobby Charlton (Manchester United v Tottenbam Hobipur, Charity Shield, August 1967) According to Kenneth Wolstenhol-According to Kernath Wolstenhol-rine, "good enough to win the league, the cup, the Chartly Shight, the World Cup and even the Grand National". Denis Law's body-sweve, in own half and Bran Kidd's run down left pave way for Charllon spe-cal from 25 yards.

Carlos Alberto (Brazil v Italy, World Cup final, June 1970) Completing Brazil's 4-1 victory, Pivalino passes up left wing to Jair raviality passes duries will gli dictifer along edge of penalty area by Pele for onrushing Carlos Albeito to smash ball into lar corner

Ricardo Villa (Tottenham Hot-spur v Manchester City, FA Cup Final replay, May 1981) Scorer of spectacular long-range effort against Wolves in semi-final replay, Villa shows he can dribble, too by getting goef that disphase, win. Beats Tomory Caton, Ray Ran-

son and Caton again before skiling shot under Joe Corrigan. Salty Brazilians given tasts of own medicine by Barnes, 20. Picking up tail on left near halfway line, goespast five opponents, before skilding ball home from close range.

Diego Maradona (Argentina v England, World Cup quarter-final, June 1986)

Maradona shows why he is proba-bly greatest dribbler. Having earlier punched in Argentina's opening goal, pulls away from the Peters. Beardsley and Ped, on halfway line and erades challenges from the Ter-rys. Butcher and Ferwick, before beating Peter Shillon.

Merco Van Basten (Holland v USSR, European Championship

Arnold Multren sends diagonal, hanging cross from left to far side of penalty area and Van Basten, from a fight angle, smaster votery over Dessayev and into net.

George Weah (AC Milan v Vero-na, Serie A, Septamber 1996) Libertan goes it atone in scoring remarkable goal on opening day of season for Italian champions. Co-lecting ball in own penalty area. Ween runs imperiously to other and of pitch before finding net

Michael Owen (England v Argentina, World Cup second round, Having earlier won penalty that gives England equalism Owen takes pass from David Beckham

taries pass from Devid Beckham and sets off at high speed towards Argentina area. The 18-year-old sidesteps Robarto Ayata and tires ball to right of Carlos Roa David Ginola (Tottenhan Hot-spir v Barnisley, FA Cup quarter-final, March 1999)
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De Zeeuw, and places ball beyond Tony Bullock, the goalkeeper. BILL EDGAR

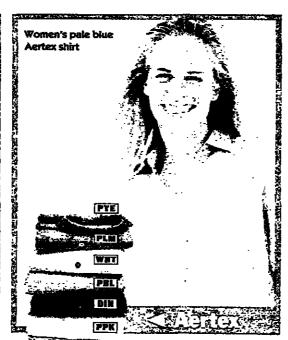
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Puzzle of Anelka | Chelsea limited must be solved

By MATT DICKINSON

THEY conceded as many goals in two hours as they had in the previous two months, but it is not to Arsenal's stout defence that Arsène Wenger will look this morning as he reflects on his side's defeat by Manchester United in the FA Cup semi-final replay on Wednesday. The attack is likely to dominate his thoughts and, more particularly, the conundrum that is

Nicolas Anelka. If Arsenal are to retain the more important half of their Double - the FA Carling Premiership trophy - they need to rediscover some fluency when in range of goal, but the solution to that is enmeshed in the mysterious workings of Anelka's mind. The 20-year-old, despite occasional protestations of happiness, continues to look as though he has been dragged

out of the dressing-room.

His two goals for France against England in February were supposed to have cast off his introspection, but he has since been dropped by his club and his two performances against United were riddled with inconsistencies. Brilliantly alert one minute. he would then drift off into his dream world for long spells.

There is increasing concern at Highbury as to exactly how long he will remain in England, which explained the club's interest in Robbie Fowler earlier this season, a transfer that the Liverpool striker appears to have

■ The Football League is set to follow

rugby's example and use the ten-yard

Windscreens Shield next season. After a successful trial in Jersey, match

officials will be instructed to advance a

continues to show dissent, fails to retreat

■ Manchester City expect Terry Cooke

to complete his permanent move from

worth £1 million. Cooke, 22. a winger.

has been on loan at Maine Road for

The Football Trust has raised the

second and third division clubs to

£2 million to coincide with the tenth

limit on ground-improvement grants for

Manchester United today in a deal

rule for offences in the Auto

free kick by ten yards if a player

ten yards or delays the kick.

three months.

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knocked on the head by signing a new five-year contract at Antield. But Wenger has money to spend on other targets and Anelka, who would tempt £10 million from many of Europe's leading clubs, is hardly encouraging the idea that he will stay.

In the short term, Arsenal desperately need him at his brightest as they return to the league, starting with Wimbledon at home on Monday when Dennis Bergkamp may feel like relinquishing the penalty duties. The Dutchman scored his side's only goal against United with a deflected shot, but his penalty miss in the closing moments of normal time was his third failure in five spot kicks this season. He was the last to leave a morbid dressing-room at Villa Park and he will be desperate to make amends. Arsenal need Anelka to be equally enthused.

By Rob Hughes ARE Chelsea, a squad built to cal fluency of his team, notably surpass any in their history and at a cost to match - going to blow the chance of winning the FA Carling Premiership

through pragmatism?
They returned sore, weary but unbeaten from Middlesbrough on Wednesday and the Chelsea coach, Ray Wilkins, suggested that the scoreless, guileless contest at the Riverside proved their manhood. It is the oldest cliche in the book that a talented team first has to fight for the right to play. But Chelsea had the opportunity to rise above Manchester United and Arsenal. and to impose their skills on a lesser team such as Middles-

of their ambition seemed to be to hang on to one point. Gianluca Vialli has built on Rund Gullit's commitment to science and apparently intends recruiting yet more Italians to improve the technical and tacti-

brough. They failed. The limit

TITLE RUN-IN

Manchester United. 17

MANCHESTER UNITED: Tomorrow: Sheffield Wednesday (h) April 25: Leeds (a). May 1: Aston Villa (n) May 5: Liverpool (a) May 9: Middlesbrough (a). May 12: Blackburn (a) May 16: Tottenham (h).

ARSENAL: April 19: Wimbledon (h). April 24: Middlesbrough (a) May 2: Derby (h). May 5: Tottenham (a) May 11: Leeds (a). May 16: Aston Villa (h). CHELSEA: April 18: Leicester (h). April 25: Sheffield Wednesday (h). May 1: Everton (h) May 5: Leeds (h) May 10: Tottenham (a) May 16: Derby (h)

FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

anniversary of the Hillshorough disaster. Previously, second division clubs had received £1 million while third division clubs received £750,000.

■ Lawrie McMenemy, the Northern Ireland manager, has called up Damien Johnson, the Blackburn Rovers winger, and Adrian Coote, the Norwich City striker, for the international match against Canada on April 27. Jonas Them, the Sweden international, is to leave Rangers at the end of the season because of a severe knee injury. Thern, 32, who joined Rangers from AS Roma in 1997, is expected to retire from the game.

on the left. But that is next season's work. Chelsea have first to believe in themselves and hold their nerve. Vialli, for the moment, is neither offering himself to help win the league games, nor explaining why, although he has

by ambition

spoken on Italian television where he suggested the tide has turned Chelsea's way in the championship. This, despite Chelsea's struggle to score goals, is based on the stretching of nerve and sinew of United across three fronts and a combination of suspensions and age in Arsenal. All the more reason why

Chelsea should grasp the nettle. Their remaining six fixtures - four at home, starting with Leicester City on Sunday - are on paper easier than Arsenal's and United's, both of whom must travel to Middlesbrough and Leeds.

What would haunt Chelsea is to finish also-rans by a point or two — the points that they did not reach out for with any conviction on a chilly night on the Northeast coast. Gianfranco Zola, who missed their one gilt-edged scoring chance there, was the true face of Chelsea. Not because his shot was saved, not because his impish enthusiasm has dried up: but because very early in the game his desperation could be seen that Cheisea were playing a game foreign to him, foreign to their nature. Not even he can draw

inspiration without the ball. ■ Dundee are planning to groundshare with Airdrie if construction work at their Dens Park home is not completed by July 31. It would mean Dundee supporters making a round trip of 160 miles to see their team in action. Sunderland will play Sampdoria, the Italian Serie A club, in a testimonial match for Kevin Ball, the club captain and midfield player, at the Stadium of Light on July 31. Ball joined Sunderland from Portsmouth in 1990. Almost 45,000 Millwall supporters have bought tickets for the Auto Windscreens Shield final against Wigan Athletic at Wembley on Sunday. Wigan have sold about 8,000 tickets for the

match, which will have George Best as

its guest of honour.

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Dougherty lowers Copt Heath record

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

A FEW hardy souls who had wrapped up well against a biting wind and the occasional hailstorm were rewarded with elimpses of an outstanding round by an outstanding young golfer in the McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath Golf Club yesterday.

Nick Dougherty, 16, who comes from Shaw Hill in Lancashire, set a new amateur course record of 66, five under par, in the last round of the 72-hole event. All afternoon Dougherty looked quite the professional he wants to be. The question now is whether he can sustain his promise or whether his talent will shrive! as he gets older, as it has with other young golfers? Karen Thatcher, the mother

Lee Westwood, of England, and Kang Wook-Soon, of South Korea, both broke the previous course record by one shot when scoring 66, five under par, in the first round of the Macau Open. Westwood had seven birdies while Kang had an eagle and five birdies. Chris Williams, of England, scored 67.

of Jamie Elson, described Dougherty as "the best we've got in England". This includes her son, who won a tournament in the United States recently, David Porter, from Stoneham, who won this event with a total of 280, four under par, and Sandeep Grewal, of Heswall, who finished second on 282. Porter and Dougherty are eligible to compete in this competition for the next two years. Not only was the halfway cut the lowest since 1987 but Porter's winning score was the lowest by three strokes since the event started in 1981.

Dougherty was not put off by the west wind nor the burnov greens nor a heavy hailstorm that started as he was playing the 17th and play to be delayed for half an hour just as he needed to chip and putt to set the new record.

If success at golf is as much a question of mental approach as is said, then Dougherty, who will be 17 next month, seems well equipped already. Certainly he looked impres-sively in control of himself on the 18th when, after a considerable delay, he chipped from 15 yards and holed a testing six-footer to set the record.

Dougherty's only dropped stroke came on the 3rd, a difficult short hole played into the wind, where he chipped eight feet past the hole and missed the putt. He went on to birdie the 5th and eagle the 7th. He got another birdie on the 10th, chipped to one foot and oneputted the 15th and birdied the loth by hitting an enormous drive over the left bunker and following with a seven-iron to five feet. He was on the 17th when the weather worsened and by the time he and Richard Costello reached the 18th green, it was covered in snow and play was suspended.

Good as Dougherty's last round was, it did not enable him to catch Porter, who birdied his last two holes for a 68, or Grewal, who had two 69s yesterday. But for a 78 in the first round, seven strokes worse than Grewal and eight worse than Porter, Dougherty might have won. What went wrong in the first round, he was asked. "I took 41 putts," he

replied, grinning.

Dougherty spent last winter at the Nick Faldo Institute in Orlando, practising under the eye of Chip Koehlke, who is now working as Faldo's coach. He will do the same this coming winter and probably the one after as well as he prepares for an inevitable career as a professional.

"All I want to be is a professional," Dougherty said. To his credit he has not ignored his studies. In his recent GCSEs he got ten A grades. five of them starre



David Porter, who won the McEvoy Trophy yesterday with a four-round total of 280, blasts out of a greenside bunker

Wind leaves field feeling blue

IT IS a good job that the Estoril Open is not a yacht race: if it were, most of the competitors would have been dismasted by now. Not that the golfers here have fared much better - the winds sweeping through the hills of Sintra turned the scoreboard into an ocean of blue numbers yesterday.

The wretched individuals bobbing round helplessly in the sea of above-par blue were virtually powerless to counter the conditions. If they took a six-iron, the gale would swiftly gust against them, to leave them wishing they had taken two clubs more. If they chose a four-iron, the ball might just as abruptly be borne into youder country by a blast up its stern Frustrating? That was not the balf of it. The consequence was that

the first day of the tourna-ment turned from the playing of a game to a battle for survival and sanity. Nobody escaped uniscathed and some trudged off with morale smashed into a thousand

FROM MEL WEBB IN SINTRA, PORTUGAL

The portents were not good before the tournament even started. Mikael Eriksson, the tournament director, and Guy Hunt, one of the tournament administrators, were at the highest spot of the undulating Penha Longa course when the roof of their buggy was ripped from its moorings.
The roof was last seen head-

ing towards Lisbon 15 miles to the north. Eriksson and Hunt ran for cover, then, when they ventured out again a little later, the windscreen of the same

buggy parted company with the rest of the vehicle too; murder on the no-claims bonus. Few made even a passing

fist of scoring respectably. Jus-

tin Rose had a 78 and will need something special if he is to make the first cut of his professional career at his seventeenth attempt. This time he was in good company others whose cards suffered mortal damage included Mark James, Sam Torrance, and David Howell, the leader of the European money list.

SCORES

PRST-ROUND LEADERS (Great Britain PRIST-ROUND LEADERS (Great Britain and Ireland Inleast stated): 88: V Praibles, P Price 70: R Goosen (SA), D Carler, P McGanley, 71: A Oldcorn, J Rystrom (Swe), T Gilis (US), A Hensen (Den), M Joreon (Swe), P Outno (Swetz, 72: M Floriot (II), MA Lisarin (Sp.), F Tarnsud (Fi), G Ernerson J MANUE (Sp.), D Edund (Swe), J Physic (Sp.), J Spence, A Ráru, J Senden (Aus); I Pyrnan, R Coles, D Chopter (Swe), M Turanciff, D Cooper, P Lawrie, M Scarpa (II) 73: E Daroy, S Bennett, J Bickerton, R Crapman, G Oginy (Aus), C Wetts, R Windfester, J Outnos (Sp.), P Balear, P Lurhart (Sp.), F Caa (Sp.), J Van De Velos (Fr), 74: S Sofieti (M), S Kjeldsen (Den), J Dlas (Por), R Gorzalez (Arg), J Sandelin (Swe), E

Canonice (ft), S Timming (Den), C Hanell (Swe), P Mitchell, S Luña (Sp), C Cevear (Fr), 75: R Russell, M Hallberg (Swe), P Hedblom (Swe), A Sobrinto (Por), S Alfan (Aus), F Lindgren (Swe), H Santos (Por), D Lee, T Markoz (Sp), D Gárlord, M Long (R2), J Coceres (Arg), S Henderson, I Garbutt 76: R MicFartane, S Cage, S Hansen (Den), F Jacobson (Swe), C Rocca (ti), M James, D Silva (Por), S Talbot (Can), M Pikhington, P Eales, I Gamtid (Sp), R Jacquetin (Fr), A Sherborne, J Robinson, G Owen, P Afflack, A Celka (Ger), P Welton 77: D Bornepo (Sp), S Yorance, A Clapp, R Drummond, G Orr, A Coltart, F Valera (Sp), R Lae, D Roberson, B Lane, M Okander (Swe). Other scores: 78: J Rose, D Howell

In the circumstances, the scores of 69, three under par, produced by Van Phillips and Phillip Price, the joint leaders, were worthy efforts. Of the 78 players in the morning section of the field, 55 were over par, with Antonio Dantas da Silva the worst of them on 19 over par. Not surprising, perhaps, except that da Silva is an assistant at Penha Longa - so much for local knowledge.

Phillips was one of the doughty 23 who had par figures or better before lunch and he was understandably pleased with himself. Neither Phillips, who won the Portuguese Open last month, nor Price are ebullient characters, but it was a day when simple numbers told the story. Price enlightened every-

body by suggesting that "it was really tough out there", while Phillips's most daring expedition into soundbite territory was: "I played solid all day." A statement of the stunningly obvious in the first case and grammatically flawed in the second, perhaps, but one knew what they meant.

RUGBY UNION

Wembley's special aura has served Wales well

regret leaving their temporary home at Wembley, and not only because of the almost unbelievable events there last Sunday, which showed once again, thankfully, that sport still retains the capacity to surprise which, It is time to praise the third

personality that brought its influence to bear on the weekend's spectacular events. The two teams draw the crowd's attention and they respond, variously but passionately. They make the game, of course. But what of the stadium itself? It has proved an inspired choice as a temporary refuge, for I have no doubt it has exerted its own distinctive character on the rugby matches that have been played there.

Seeped into its grand old structure are the recollections of the great deeds and dramas staged there over the decades. The ghosts of a famous past — 1966 and all that — have visited all the rugby teams that have appeared on the ground...

Gwyn Jones, Wales's captain on his first visit to the old place wrote, in Welsh, in the weekend's programme that he had played out his playground dreams of treading the famous turf.

We have all been on that playground and we all understand the boyish glimpse of immortality. Jones said he found the atmosphere uniquely special. He was not let down.

Even Jonny Wilkinson, at 19 the youngest player on Sunday's field of dreams and with but a brief experience. hopes that he might one day be back to play there again. Each of Wales's opponents, from the southern as well as the northern hemi-

spheres, felt the unique attraction of this sporting grande dame, who contrives make refurbished grounds elsewhere look no more than callow if colourful and attractive flirts; an aristocrat among the nouveaux

Yet Wembley, too, is feeling the wind of change. With the Twin Towers about to come down, will it be able to retain the proud and unique distinctiveness that generanone have cherished?

To be sure, the rugby matches there have been rubbed with stardust. Apart from being inspired by the historical associations, the Wembley pitch gives a player a sense of space. He may not have the time but he **GERALD DAVIES**



Rugby Commentary

does have the room to swank. This may be an illusion, but the teams who played there against Wales have ignored the tight approach: each has attempted to exploit the sense of freedom to run. They have felt the need to rise to the occasion. And so, without exception, they have done.

There is another reason for a warm glow of appreciation. For the two seasons that Wales have played there. Wembley's aura has somehow encouraged a festival mood. Even on those days when Wales have been beaten, the outcome, curiously, has been a radiant light heart and no sense of a psyche beleaguered.

It was not just after the final whistle on Sunday that there was a sense of joy. It had been present throughout the day. Whereas at Cardiff, as elsewhere on international match days, there is an inhibiting tension, a tight wariness perhaps, there has instead been a jauntiness of spirit as the televison pictures demonstrated beforehand.

If, for a prelude, it took more than one man in a white suit to animate the crowd into song, it was all of a piece. The extravaganza of the spectacle's start - Tom Jones, Max Boyce et al was well matched by the extravagance at the end.

The extra 25,000 tickets made available because of Wembley's greater capacity compared to the old Cardiff Arms Park, may have introduced a new, more appreciative, less complacent audience, more youthful and more mixed perhaps than the old familiar guard who always know how to get their hands on scarce tickets.

The question for the Welsh Rugby Union is how can they transfer the exuberance of the mood created in North London and relocate it on the banks of the Taff.

Pugh in Olympic push

RUGBY union could be the next leading sport on the Ol-ympic stage if Vernon Pugh has his way (Mark Souster writes). Speaking in Buenos Aires yesterday. Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB), repeated his desire that rugby be granted Olympic status.
"We recognise the develop-

ment of good personal contacts, political influence and persistence as fundamental requirements," Pugh said. Pugh, in Argentina for the IRB's annual meeting, reiter-ated his belief that rugby was now a global sport with

84 countries affiliated to the

Meanwhile, Jeremy Guscott, has not recovered from a hamstring injury and will not play for Bath against London Irish in the Ailied **Dumbar Premiership tomor**row. Scotland, hoping to build on the euphoria of their Five Nations Championship success, will play two pre-World Cup internationals against Romania and Argentina, away from Murrayfield. McDiarmid Park in Perth and Pittodrie Stadium in Aberdeen are two venues under consideration.

BOWLS

Lockhart homes in on double

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

DAVE LOCKHART and David Holt, who helped Noel Burrows, their Blackpool Borough club-mate, to win the national indoor triples title on Wednesday, are hoping to complete a notable double by winning the pairs final at Melton Mowbray today.

By teatime. Lockhart and Holt, who is the manager of the Blackpool Borough club, will have played ten games, each one lasting at least four hours, since Sunday night. In the final, the Blackpool pair will meet Richard Hindley and his son-in-law, Kevin Cousins, from the Five Rivers club in Salisbury. Hindley is the father - and

Cousins the husband - of Kadern Hindley, who won the English under-25 singles in 1995, and added the British Isles junior singles title the following year. "It's a proud moment for

me, because I can step out of Kathryn's shadow," Hindley said. 'Up to now I've been the baggage man and chauffeur. but now, thanks to Kevin, I'm in a national final."

Yesterday, the Blackpool pair edged through uncertainly against two brothers from Handy Cross, Richard and Manhew Hyde, but overwhelmed Mark Elliott and Jason Roope, from Acle, 26-6 in the semi-final.

Five Rivers reached the final by beating David Hohnes and Gordon Chariton, of Folkestone, 20-14, then turned a 10-6 deficit into a 19-14 victory over Len Essex and Peter McGuinness, of Desborough, Maidenhead.

Both semi-finals of the women's world indoor championship will feature players from Scotland and Guernsey. The defending champion. Caroline McAllister, from Lochwinnoch, faces a challenge from Anne Simon, while Kate Adams, the 1993 world champion, from Auchinleck, takes on Allison Merrien.

France reaps reward for progress made

THE Silk Cut Challenge Cup will feature two teams from France for the first time next year, while the World Cup, which is being staged in the four home countries and France in October 2000, has attracted a new title sponsor impressively early. As the game broadens its appeal, a lucrative sponsorship of the World Cup will be announced in Manchester next Monday, in advance of the 16-nation draw, on May 25, at the Savoy Hotel, London.

French clubs competed for two seasons in the now-defunct Regal Trophy, but got no further than the second round. Admission of the championship play-off finalists to compete from the third round of the Challenge Cup represents a further warming of relations between the countries after the failure in 1997 of the Paris Saint-Germain Super League outfit.

Invitations were issued by Neil Tunnicliffe, the Rugby Football League chief executive, after talks with the French Federation, which has also welcomed the restoration of Anglo-French fixtures. "We are anxious to support the game in France, which has made rapid strides in five years," Tunnicliffe

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RUGBY LEAGUE By Christopher Irvine

Halifax Blue Sox have seemingly overcome differences with players over win bonuses. Not that any are likely to be paid out after the home JJB Super League match tonight against Wigan Warriors, who have beaten Halifax on nine successive occasions.

Wigan can take over the league leadership from St Helens on points difference and welcome the return of Greg Florimo at stand-off half after a thigh injury. With Mark Reber resuming responsibility at scrum half, Andy Farrell and Jason Robinson revert to their more familiar positions. Wigan, who give a debut on the bench to Phil Jones, the half back, cannot afford additions to an extensive injury list.

Leeds Rhinos, reinforced by Daryl Powell and Ryan Sheridan at half back and Barrie McDermott and Jamie Mathiou up front, need to set aside the distraction of their forthcoming Challenge Cup final when they play Hull Sharks at Headingley tonight.

Southgate lose Rott for Cannock duel

CANNOCK and Southgate meet again tomorrow at Reading, in the men's National League premier division play-offs. The winners will qualify for the final at Milton Keynes on May 3. In the league fixtures between the clubs. Cannock won the first 2-0 and the second was drawn 2-2. Southgate are without Eiko Rott, their German centre forward, whose recurring knee trouble has put him out of action for the rest of the season.

Earlier in the day, Reading will take on Canterbury, their league matches having produced a 4-1 win for Canterbury and a 6-3 victory for Reading, whose defence is strengthened by the return of Wyatt. fully recovered from the hand injury that kept him out for several weeks. The winners will meet the losers of the game between Cannock and Southgate, on Sunday, to decide the last place in the final.

Surrey will defend the senior title in the county championship when the two-day preliminary round starts tomorrow, in two divisions. The winners of each pool qualify for the final stages at Milton Keynes on May 1-2.

Slough may have finished top of the women's premier division for the third

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin and Cathy Harris successive season but, for the first time,

they cannot call themselves champions. In the inaugural season of the league play-offs, they meet Ipswich in the first stage at Reading tomorrow.

The new system had attracted criticism and praise in equal measures and, while the players generally agree that the side finishing at the top of the

league should be crowned champions.

most agree that securing a place in the play-offs by finishing in the top four has helped to keep the season alive. Sue Chandler, the Slough captain, who was recalled to the England team earlier this week, believes her side have already proved they are the best. "We are still looking forward to playing lpswich because it's a big game." she said.

The winners will qualify automatically for the final on May 3, while the losers take on the winners of the match between Clifton and Hightown for the Upper berth in the final.

FOR THE RECORD

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CRICKET

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71, 73, 282: Z Scolland (Wodose Park) 77,
70, 74, 71, 293: S Frengart (Orsett) 71, 79,
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TOKYO: Japan Open: Men: Third round: Tempers (Swe) to D. Nestor (Can) 6-2, 6-2. T. Johansson (Swe) to D. Nestor (Can) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, N. Kueler (Gar) bit G. Pozzi (ti) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. S. Lareeu (Can) to S. Schallen (Meh) 2-6, 7-6, 7-6, J. Bjorkman (Swe) to J. Emperchild (Gar) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, N. Cartsen (Den) to B. Karbacher (Gen) 6-3, 6-4, N. R. Frapce (Nett) to D. Princial (Ger) 6-4, 6-4. Women: Second maint: C. Moranu (US) bit M. Wathington (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. C. Moranu (US) bit M. Wathington (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. C. Moranu (US) bit M. Wathington (US) 6-2, 6-0.

Marot survives test of time

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

t is a question guaranteed to deceive almost any contestant on any quiz show. Who holds the British record for the women's marathon? Images of Liz McColgan winning the London Marathon, recollections of her brash predictions of the fast times she would run, flash to mind. So it must be McColgan, right? Wrong.

McColgan may be missing from the London Marathon field this year, but the British record-holder is not. Veronique Marot will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the record she set in winning the race in 1989 by lining up for her first run over the distance in six years on Sunday. Though she is a 43-year-old logger now, perhaps the event should give her an elite number for old time's sake. No other British woman



In The Times next week, nocebensive list of all the finishers in the London Marathon

LONDON

deserves one. It is a startling indictment of the state of British women's marathon running that, without the absent McColgan and Marian Sutton, twice winner of the Chicago Marathon, there is not a British woman good enough to start with the women's elite field. If a British woman breaks 2hr 40min it will come as a surprise. Certainly none will produce a time that would have put her within two miles of Marot on that spring day in 1989.

Marot's 2hr 25min 56sec has not only proved beyond the reach of McColgan but every other Landon women's winner except Ingrid Kristiansen and Grete Waitz, the legendary Norwegians. "I have acquired a pride in it over the years." Marot said. "When it first happened, I thought it was just in a day's work."

Those who knew Marot at her peak will recall her as plain-speaking. Little has changed in the woman who is now a mother of two and operates her own business law practice. Why has the standard dropped so alarmingly from the days when Britain could feel confident of. year after year, at least three women in the top ten in

syndrome," Marot said. "Life is too sweet. The women do not train hard



Marot crosses the finishing line in the 1989 London Marathon in a British women's record time that is still standing

enough. They think they can get away with less." While admitting it is harder to run fast in London now, given that the women's race is separated from the men's, Marot does not regard that as explanation enough. Specifically on McColgan, whose best is 2:26.52, she said: "One year. when Liz could have broken it. she took no risks." That was 1996 and McColgan would argue that it was the win that

"The wind can be a factor in London but, when conditions have been good, they have been too interested in looking at each other to run fast."

mattered.

GARNET POINT

From the edge of the New World,

a new, smooth, dry full-bodied red

Marot added. To her eye, McColgan has a fault common among many of Britain's marathon runners. There is something about Liz's running style that is cramped and uneconomical," Marot said. "She surges forward like a horse trying to catch a carrot. It is not enough of a shuffler style.

"If you look at Kristiansen. her shoulders might have been high but the lower part of her body was more of a shuffler style. Joan Benoit has run 2:21 and she was the ultimate model of marathon running. effortless. None of these worn-

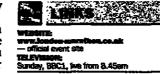
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thon runners. It is also a question of training. People think that time on their feet is enough but it is a combination of a good level of mileage and ensuring that all the sessions count."

Marot ran hard most days, adding up to between 90 and 110 miles a week. "I think also, most women are too keen to train off roads. A 20-miler has to be done on a hard surface. You are going to risk breaking down more easily but you have to take risks. "When you get to 20 miles in

the marathon your legs are tired from pounding and you en coming up are real mara- have to prepare yourself for that." Not that Marot is following her own advice for Sunday. On 15 miles a week training, she is running for charity. "It will be my slowest time, probably, since I started in 1978, when I did 3:55. That was run on 15 miles a week, so I am back to the beginning."

Back from a time zone that no other British woman has visited. Or looks like visiting for years to come.



Brown remains guarded on his modest aims

brought out the humility in Jon Brown. Over the years, Brown has been sharp with his tongue when talking of declining standards in British distance-running and suggesting, even before he had raced the distance, that other marathon runners did not impress him. Now he admits that he jumped the gun. As Brown looks ahead to the Flora London Marathon. in which he is the only British hope of a top-three place, he is guarded about his prospects. After two marathons, in Chicago and London, Brown has yet to break 2hr 10min. "I have had two difficult experiences in the marathons

I have done." Brown said yesterday. "That has made me cautious and more wary about the latter stages. Now I have had the experience, I have a lot more respect for the event, that it can take its toll. I had not run over 20 miles before, so I did not know how much the body dislikes it." In the main, Brown tried to play down his chances, but he

was willing to go public with the target he has set himself. "I am hoping to run under 2:09," he said. Then he returned to his downbeat

British hope is downbeat about his chances in Sunday's race

theme. "This race is not going to be the pinnacle of my mara-thon career," he said. "It is a stepping-stone to something else." He meant the Olympics. Briefly, Brown lifted his guard on his inner thoughts. Winning does not mean that much to me," he suggested. But it would if he won? "Yes."



Brown: stepping-stone

he admitted. "Often athletes take this approach and end up winning." Brown has good reason to expect improvement on Sunday. Since his last marathon, he has broken Eamonn Martin's British 10,000 metres record, achieved his highest place in the world cross-country championships and learnt a valuable lesson. preparing at sea-level this time rather than at altitude.

"For 10k and cross country, altitude is good, but not for the marathon," Brown said. "The difference is the recovery rate when you are doing longtempo runs. It is so much harder at altitude and I cannot run high mileage. I trained in Boulder [Colorado] last year and overdid it." Chicago he blamed on injury.

Brown has been around the track several times with repeated allegations that many of his rivals are on drugs and will not let go of the subject. The response from Antonio Pinto, twice the Lon don champion, to Brown's comments yesterday was: "In Budapest [the European championships] I beat him fair and square, then in Brussels he beat me. Does anyone say he was taking EPO?

DAVID POWELL

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 46 **NEODAMODE**

(a) Among the ancient Spartans, an enfranchised Helot. In Greek the words mean "new people". The Spartan constitution was a wonder of xenophobic and undemocratic complexity even to contemporaries.

PEAL

(c) A medicine-man or witch-doctor among the Indians of Guiana and other parts of South | 1 Bg6+! Kxg6; 2 Qh5 checkmate.

America. Cf. piache or peai-man, another name for the profession. An adaptation of the PARCENARY

(c) Joint heirship. An Anglo-French, Norman concept and word. PIABA

(c) A small fresh-water fish of the size of a minnow, found in Brazilian rivers. The Tupi name for the little wriggler.

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE

TELEVISION CHOICE

Spotlight on a demagogue

Walden On Villains: Saddam Hussein BBC2, 7.30pm

Brian Walden convincingly credits the West with both the creation of the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein as a world-threatening monster and with the creation of the conditions which have enabled this thuggish and hardly super-human demagogue to retain control over his country. Like Hitler, Hussein has understood and exploited the need for national pride and identity, and created a sense that the world is ranged against the Iraqi sense that the world is ranged against the Iraqi people rather than his own evil intentions. Against the televisual odds, Walden again compels the attention and offers an intelligently skewed view of an apparently over-exposed subject.

Family Feuds ITV, 9pm

Pam St Clement (Pat in EastEnders) narrates this collection of anecdotes and reconstructions about strife within and between families, and she as a Walford resident, should know something about the subject. The problem is that, although the stories may be interesting, and our love of gossip makes us willing viewers, too many of the examples are not feuds at all, but simple breakdowns in communication, or situations in which at least one of the parties in dispute is which at least one of the parties in dispute is almost certainly suffering from some form of mental disorder. The 19-year-old Leonardo Di Caprio lookalike (on a good day, in the right light) who hasn't paid rent for years and whose distraught mother has stopped feeding and doing the laundry for, is obviously a lazy sponger; the woman whose compulsion to clean and scrub has driven her daughter from the house, just as clearly needs help. These are sad situations, not feuds. needs help. These are sad situations, not feuds.

The Priday Play: Cocaine

Radio 4, 9pm

Channel 4, 10pm Niles (David Hyde Pierce) is again the focus of an episode of what has lately seemed a rejuvenated show. His divorce from Maris is dragging on and

If you want me to be simplistic about it. I might say

that Max Hillman's drama, set partly in Wales, is a defence of the eponymous drug. And there's no denying that Hillman does utilise cocaine as a way

of bridging the yawning gap that has opened up between a son (Rhys Ivans) and the bereaved father (Robert Pugh) whose only way of deflecting life's slings and arrows is to exclaim "Sod itt". But thankfully, Cocaine has deeper depths than this,

and its language is generally more heightened. I don't suppose, however that there are many

grease-monkeys working in garages whose philosophical musings include such metaphors as "Memory licked her tongue up and down the stairs

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Bail 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 3.00pm Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 A Date with Destiny: Cook v Van Helden 2.00am Fabio and Grooverider 4.00 Emma B

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00mm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Richard Alfinson 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewert 5.05 Des Lynam 7.00 The Michael Feinstein Songbook — Turns Another Page (5/8) 7.30 Fridey Night is Music Night 9.15 John le Carré's Single and Single 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 The

Rodgers and Hammerstein Story, See Choice (2/5) 10.30 Sheridan Morley 12.00 Lynn Parsons 4.00am Lata Sherme

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News with Allen Robb 1.00pm R Glover. Including commentary from Newbury on the Fred Darling Stakes 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Alan Green's

Sportsnight, Alan Green presents news from the Division One game between Barnsley and Sunderland. Plus, the week's sporting issues 10.00 Late Niight Live 1.00em Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00ana The Big Boys Breeklest 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00 Motoring 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 CKT to Talk 4.00 The Cricket Cup Final 8.00 Nicky Home's Access all Areas 10.00 James H Reeve 1.00am Mike Dickin

VIRGIN

6.30am The Breaklast Show 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harnet Scott 7.00 Wheels of Steel 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am James Merritt

Bad taste rules in The Adam and Joe Show (Channel 4, 11.10pm)

he is persuaded to hire a tough new lawyer, Donny Davis (Saul Rubinek, very funny) to get things moving. When the rough-hewn Davis, whose coarse ways upset the Crane brothers' fine-tuned sensibilities, uncovers the truth about the origins of Maris's family money, success seems assured. However, he also seems to have found the key to the affections of Daphne, for whom Niles has still not declared his love

The Adam and Joe Show

Channel 4, 11.10pm

The third series of this award-winning comedy show, in which Adam Buxton and Joe Cornish push back the frontiers of bad taste, begins with a Saving Private Lion", a soft-toy version of a similarly-titled movie (mangled toys and subversive remarks about the Americans winning the Second World Wart, explore the wilds of daytime television with "This Morning With Richard and Chewbacca" (all resemment and infighting) and get Baadad to Los Angeles, where he joins Coolio to make a rap record. They test tourist tolerance with a truly tacky Hollywood Waxwork Museum (nobody asks for a refund). Welcome back!

RADIO CHOICE

The Rodgers and Hammerstein Story Radio 2, 10pm

It was Richard Rodgers who wrote the music and Oscar Hammerstein who wrote the words. It's always helpful to sort out in our own minds which of them did what, although Mary Rodgers, daughter of Richard, is co-presenting this six-part series (with David Jacobs) and I am confident that she will again make the distinction crystal clear for us in tonight's instalment. The problem is that Hammerstein's words and Rodgers's music live so happily together that it is almost impossible to imagine that they did not come from the same pen. Tonight's episode is taken up with some of the hit numbers from Carousel, written for the stage and considered by both to be their happiest collaborative effort.

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BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Insight 8.30 Focus On Faith 9.00 World News 9.05 Westway 9.20 Off the Shelf: News 01 A Kidnapping 9.35 Science in Action 10.00 World News 10.05 Speaking Of English 10.20 The Viritage Chart Show 10.50 Sports Round-Up 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Britain Today 11.45 World Business Report 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newsdesk 13.00 World News 1.05 Cutlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newsdew 3.00 World News 4.05 Football Edira 4.15 Coffee - A Hellish Brew 4.30 John Peel 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Insight 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Short Story 6.45 Sports Round-Up 7.00 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 World News 8.05 Science in Action 8.30 The Way We Are 8.45 Off the Shelf: News 01 A Kidnapping 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.20 Britain Today 10.30 Music Review 11.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 11.30 John Peel 12.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 11.30 John Peel 12.00 World News 12.05am Outlook 12.45 Insight 1.00 The World Today 1.30 Menidian Books 3.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 4.20 Sports Round-up 4.30 Weekend

6.00am Nick Balley's Easier Breakfast. Music to get the day off to a fine start 8.00 Henry Ketly. The Hall of Fame Hour and Classic Masterpioce 12.00 Lunchtwire Requests Jane Jones plays favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. C.P.E. Bach (Pute Concerto in D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics. concerto in D manor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics, plus sport updates and travel news 6.30 Newsrught. Top stories and interviews with guests from the arts world 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces classic sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Shostakovich (Cello Concerto); Beethoven (Symphony No 9) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music through till the small hours 2.00em Concerto. C.P.E. Bech (Exist. Concerto in D. minors) in 3.00 Mart. Criffiths. The Endy (Flute Concerto in D minor) (r) 3.00 Mark Gniffiths. The Early Breaktast Show

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air With Petroc Trelawny. Taverner (Dum transisset); Beethoven (Hom Sonata in F, Op 17)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Verdi (Overture: The Force of Destiny); Verdi (Deh, piezoso, Oh addolorata; Chi I bei di m'adduce)
10.30 Artist of the Weelc Moura Lympany
11.00 Sound Stories: Architects John Nash, the favourite architect of the Prince Regent
12.00 Composer of the Weelc JC Bach
1.00pra The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Paul Lewis, plano. Brahms (Four Ballades, Op 10); Haydn (Sonata in D, H XVI 37); Schubert (Fantasy in C, D760, Wanderer)

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2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philharmonic. Reethoven (Leonore Overture No 3), under Charles Mackerras. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C), under Yan Pascal Tortelier, Mertin Roscoe, piano. Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral), under Charles Mackerras, Yvonne Kenny, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Peter Bronder, lenor, Willard Writle, bass, City of Birminorham Symphony Chorus

Birmingham Symphony Chorus

4.00 Music Restored Robert Hollingworth looks at the wide variety of all-male vocal groups who perform early music

5.00 In Tune Humphrey Carpenter introduces musc including Berlioz's Roman Carnival Overture
7.30 Performance on 3: Endless Parada The opening concert of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's ten-day trip to Germany was given

last Wednesday in the Philharmonie, Berlin Introduced by Geoffrey Baskerville Mischa Maisky, cello, BBC Scottish SO under Osmo Vanska. Mendelssohn (Overture The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Haydrin (Cetlo Concerto in D); Sibelius (Symphony No 1)

9.15 Postscript: Seamus Heaney at 60 (5/5)

9.35 Fallis (Seven Popular Spanish Songs). Victona de los Angeles, soprano, Gonzalo Sonano, piano

10.00 Hear and Now: Endless Parade Martyn Brabbris directs the London Sinlonietta in music by Ferneyhough, Bainbridge, Hesketh, Krussan and Sawer

and Saver

11.30 Jazz Century (Sounding the Century) Russell
Davies presents a 52-part history of jazz (r)

12.00 Through the Might 12.05 Schumenn (Variations
on a Theme by Clara Wieck, Op 5) 12.15 Brahms
(Alto Rhapsody) 12.30 Rudot Escher (Le
brombaeu de Ravel) 1 no Six CO under Vertice (Alto Rhapsody) 12.30 Rudolf Escher (Le tombeau de Ravel) 1.00 Suk CO under Vadim Mazo. Eigar, Suk, Janacek 2.15 Schichkard (Sonata in C) 2.25 Boccherini (Concento in E liat, G487) 2.45 Haydri (Symphony No 11) 3.10 Grieg (Violin Sonata in C minor, Op 45) 3.35 Erkki Melařím (Karelian Scenes) 3.45 Roussakis (Mi el la) 4.00 lippolitov-Ivanov (Caucasian Sketches) 4.25 Schubert (Concerto in G) 4.50 Handel (Return. O God of Hosts (Samson)) 5.00 Handel (Tino Sonata in G minor, Op 2 No 5) 5.15 Tartini (Cello Concerto in A) 5.30 Salzedo (Variations) 5.40 Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4)

5.30sm World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day

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5.47 Parming Today Arna Hill presents rural reports
6.00 Today with John Humphrys and Sue MacGregor
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Partiament Political round-up
9.00 Desert Island Discs The flamenco guitanst Paco
Pena chooses eight favourise records to take to
the mythical Isle (r)
9.45 (FM) Serial: Choice Chetwin Hugh Chatwin and
Peter Eyre read extracts from Bruce Chatwin's The
Albetross and Your Father's Eyes Are Blue Again
9.45 (LW) An Act of Worship
10.00 Woman's Hour Jenni Murray talks to the actress
Minnie Driver about her role in Oscar Wilde's An
ideal Husband
11.00 How to Be Hanny Guests including the

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11.00 How to Be Happy Guests including the pharmacologist Susan Greenfield, the historian Theodore Zeidin and the novelst Wendy Pernam discuss positive thinking. Carole Rosen chars (r)

11.30 Married Cornedy drama, by Tony Bagley, Robin books a children's entertainer for his son's birthday party. Starring Hugh Bonneville, Josie Lawrence and Barbara Murray (4/6)

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast sues and public service reports, presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite

1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke

1.30 Feedback Listeners' views of BBC radio

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2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play: J. Edgar Hoover — Private
and Confidential by Mike Walker. The last of four
plays about the legendary anti-communist FBI
director. Starring William Hootkins and David Soul
3.00 Making History Sue Cook gets to the bottom of
histonical mysteries
3.30 A Name to Remember Barbara Myers examines
the career of Graham Hughes (5/5)

3.45 This Sceptred Isle Part 75 of the history of Britain, narrated by Anna Massey (r)
4.00 Open Book Audio books (r)
4.30 The Message Alex Brodie and his guests discuss current media trends
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Eddie Mair
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz Topical quiz with the Times columnist Alan Coren, Francis Wheen and Jeremy Hardy, hosted by Simon Hoggart
7.00 The Archers Helen celebrates her birthday
7.15 Front Row The art of creating suspense
7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady E.M. Delafield's household journal, starring Imelda Staunton and Richard Hope. Broadcast earlier as part of Woman's Hour (r)
8.00 Arm Questione 2 Department of the Archers of the Archers of the Archers of the Rose of the Rose

Norman's Hour (r)

8.00 Any Questions? Panellists including Michael
Heseltine, MP. Lord Owen of Plymouth and
Gunther Vepheigen answer questions with a
European stant posed by an audience in Berlin

8.45 Letter from America Alistair Cooke with another
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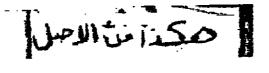
shoe of stateside file 9.00 The Friday Play: Cocaine Max Hillman's grama

about a widower whose heartbroken son offers him consolation in the form of cocaine. Starting Rhys Itans and Robert Pugh. See Choice 10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lusting 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel Alan Howard reads the linal part of Robert Harris's best-selling thriller 11.00 (FM only after 11.30pm) Late Night on 4: Late Teckle Eleanor Oldroyd chairs a discussion of current sports issues

current sports issues 11.30 (LW) Today in Partiament Update from

Westminster
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Earthly Joys
Kevin Whately reads part the final part of Philippa
Gregory's novel
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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A big hand for Doctor Dreamboat's exit

story, somewhere between "Nude Vicar Falls off Balcony" and "World War Three Declared". The publicity is more than enough to launch a solo singing career, for instance, or for Ross Kemp to fulfil his secret ambition to play the Hugh Grant parts in Merchant-fvory adaptations of Jane Austen novels. That last bit was speculation by the way.

Endless explanations are proffered for their taking this bank-balance jeopardising "leap, most of them probably pure invention. My own theory, for what it's worth, is that after a while they start to fuse psychologically with the characters they play, and it suddenly dawns on them that they can't stand the lifestyle.

Sharing a home with "loveable Cockney sparrer" Babs Windsor would be trying enough without sensitive human being, be a form of slow torture. Anyone who doubts what an awful comic he was can occasionally catch snippets of his old acts on extraterrestrial repeat channels. They sap the will to live.

A New Year's Eve show from my childhood, when he sang Roaming in the Gloaming in a Cockney accent while Andy Stewart sang Any Old Iron in Scots, is seared on my memory as one of the most cringe-making moments in television history. The thought that he might suddenly revert and launch into a variety act is enough to drive anyone under the wheels

of a singing contract. Tiffany and Grant just had to escape. Which brings us to George Clooney leaving ER (Sky One). Forty million Americans watched The Storm, the heart-throb mati-

hen a soap superstar the danger of being caught in the .nee-idol's finale as Dr Doug Ross. a huge tabloid news living with Mike Reid would, for a they will become like Hank Marvin's outfit without Cliff Richard -Shadows of their former selves.

The episode provided a clue to the reason for Clooney's departure. The fact that Clooney can command multibillion-dollar contracts in Hollywood is a trifling irrelevance: he probably just couldn't stand the shouting. ER is normally frantic. Last night, apart from a few short interludes of deeply touching slush, the show was in overdrive with the gas pedal flat on the floor.

s in most American dramas, half the action is over before the title sequence has ended. The school-kids were being cut free from the wreck of their bus; firemen rushed around with cutting equipment; a crane arrived while Dr Greene struggled to free a trapped boy. REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

"We've got a pumper!" he yelled. Aren't American doctors graphic? Then someone showed up with a severed hand, which he thought was still usable. Meanwhile, across the city, "Dr Dreamboat" was staggering around, dazed

after his own private prang. But it is back at the hospital that things get truly manic. Everyone just shouts all the time, "B.P. 80 over 40!" -- "Ruptured septurn!" --

that sort of thing. Imagine if you had a hearing problem. What was that? Something to the "radius and the ulna?", "What's down to 88?", did you say "an opulsive split"? What the heck is that?

"Hey, we need a hand!" cried a paramedic, unloading another victim. That guy from the crash scene had a spare one, but nobody thought to tell them.

Even in moments of relative calm the barrage of urgent medispeak continues unabated. "CBCs normal -- LFT is attenuated, especially ALT, said Dr Benton through gritted teeth. Pardon? Speciality BLT? Is that on wheat toast, hold the mayo?

I don't want to spoil the story for Channel 4 viewers who must wait until next month for this treat. Suffice it to say that everyone proves to be very noble and selfsacrificing, that they all love each other to bits and it's all very moving in a Kleenexy kind of way. And George Clooney finally escapes what the residents of the Queen Vic would refer to by its medical term: "GBH of the ear-'ole."

At least soap stars can walk away. Dispatches (Channel 4) unearthed a peculiarly nasty anomaly of the legal system wherehy children can be forced to spend time with violent fathers who have beaten or otherwise abused their mothers. Some of the fathers have even attacked the children themselves before the separation.

ourts, apparently, take the view that fathers should be granted access to their children wherever possible. Individual judgments are influenced by the opinions of court welfare officers who have no specialised training in this area and may not even meet the children.

After an extensive survey by a pressure group called Amica

and children who had been physically assaulted, terrorised or simply neglected by abusive fathers during mandatory access visits. One poor woman's children had been murdered on an access visit to her mentally unstable husband. Disputches has become not so

much a "one-issue" programme as a "one side of one issue" programme. This has its merits. If you put a case forcefully, it probably has more impact, at least in the short term, than a worthy balancing of opposing arguments.

But nobody spoke to detend the system; the only judge we heard from wanted reform; nobody put a case for the court welfare officers, let alone for any of the husbands. Some children are clearly being harmed even as we sit reading our papers, and the matter seems to require urgent government attention, but I couldn't help wondering if that was all there was to it.

6.00am Business Breakfast (12790) 7.00 Breakfast News (T) (65719) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (9936806)

9.45 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (496055) 10.15 The Vanessa Show (T) (6794090) 11.00 News; Weather (T) (5717210) 11.05 City Hospital (T) (9934239) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (5499582)

12.00 Going for a Song (3782069) 12.25pm Wipeout (9283054) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (76785871) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (68806) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (58935516)

1.40 Neighbours Sasha is found sale and sound (T) (16013413) 2.05 ironside (r) (1901871) 2.56 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (2977326) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6307210) 3.45 Roald Dahl's Revolung Recipes

(5585887) 4.80 Anthony Ant (5761158) 4.15 Get Your Own Back (7244351) 4.35 The Mask (7302055) 5.00 Newsround (5334852) 5.10 Blue Peter (2268351) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (386500) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (535)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (887) 7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer investigation show 7.30 Top of the Pops The world premiere of

Geri Halliwell's new video, plus performances by Martine McCutcheon, Meat Loaf and The Cranberries (T) (871) 8.00 Ground Force Alan Titchmarsh and his team of experts set about revamping the gardens around a waternill (r) (T) (8072)

8.30 The Builders The long-suffering Liz and Mark Burch are concerned about the progress of their extension (T) (3239) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (183974)



Alun Jenkins, owner of the UK's most exclusive dating agency (9.35pm)

9.35 The Matchmaker New series, Behind the scenes at a dating agency, from the matches made at its busy head office to the resulting blind dates, singles parties and love affairs (T) (969142)

10,15 Real Women Three-part series about live former schoolfriends

getting married. Michelle Collins and Pauline Quirke star (1/3) (r) (T) (219264) 11.05 An Officer and a Gentleman (1982)
Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere as a Navy recruit put through his paces by a tough sergeant. With Debra Winger and Louis Gossett Jnr. Directed by Taylor Hacktord (T) (982264)

1.05am Brass Target (1978) Thriller about the death of American General Patton, allegedly murdened after discovering a plot to rob a German gold reserve." Sophia Loren and George Kennedy star. Directed by John Hough (7) (483475) 2.50 Weather (4244331) 2.55 BBC News 24 (36523833)

Waltabar Barra 7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: am Children's Bob Breakdask Show: Noddy in Toyland (87177) 7.30 Top Cat (8231887) 7.50 50/50 (8995429) 8.18: Rewind (9103887) 8.20 Dastardly and Muttley (8949245) 8.40 Polika Dot Shorts Muttley (8949245) 8.40 Polica Dot Shorts (3422264) 8.50 Pingu (3428448) 9.00 The Munsters (7853500) 9.25 The Phill Silvers Show (7945535) 9.50 Just So Stories (7467790) 10.00 Teletubbies (29429) 10.30 Fil.M: Deception (57979333) 12.20pm Beautiful Tribogs (9143142) 12.30 Working Lunch (89784) 1.00 Letters and Exicate (29187078)

1.00 Johnson and Friends (38160993) 1.10 The Leisure Hour (13/20) (1606697) 2.10 Top Gear Take Two (35938622) 2.25 News; Weather (1) (89031245)

2.30 Racing from Newbury includes coverage of the 2.40 National Golf Week Rated Stakes, 3.10 Dubai Duty Free Stakes, and the 3.40 Laurens Van der

4.00 The Village (r) (7050790) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (7060177) 4.55 Esther (T) (9252887) 5.30 Whose House? (264)

6.00 The Simpsons (r) (T) (410887) 6.20 The Simpsons (r) (T) (414603) 6.45 Lee and Herring's This Morning with Richard, not Judy (r) (469516) 7.15 Electric Circus Angela Griffin offers a showbiz round-up (1) (358993)

7-30 Walden on Villains Political commentator Brien Walden deconstructs the myths surrounding Saddam Hussein (T) (413) 8.00 As the Crow Files Janet Street-Porter tramps from Leeds to Sherwood Forest (1) (8974)

8.30 Gardeners' World Gay Search visits a compact plot in Clevedon (T) (4581) 9.00 Have I Got News For You New series Richard Whiteley and David Aaronovitch join team captains Paul Merton and Ian Histop for the satirical news quiz. Hosted by Angus Deayton (5245)

9.30 Red Dwarf Pete the Sparrow is turned into a dinosaur-(r)-(T) (72448) - - --10.00 Rab C Nesbitt Cornedy, with Gregor Fisher (1) (1) (667887) 10.33 Video Nation Shorts (T) (757264) 10.35 Newsnight (T) (966087)



Van Morrison performs live in the

11.20 Later with Jools Holland New series of studio performances by leading music stars, beginning with Blur, Van Morrison, Wilco and Natacha Atlas (715413) 12.25am Sex, Censorship and the Silver Screen New series. Raquel Welch presents a look back through the history

of film censorship (1/6) (9858901)

1.25 The Lost Squadron (1932) Three former First World War pilots find work as stuntmen. With Ench von Stroheim, Joel McCrea and Richard Dix. Directed by George Archainbaud (5352901) 2.40 Weather (4196479) 2.45 Close

3.00 BBC Learning Zone (57307) 5.00 Close

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Australia, Ireland, the Baharnas and
Spain's Costa del Sol (r) (1) (1602871)

1.30 Lie Detector (1) (16019697) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (1) (5977055) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (1) (2966210)

3.10 ITV News Headlines (1) (5747806) 3.15 HTV News (T) (5746177) 3.20 CITV: Maisy (5736790) 3.25 Timbuctoo (5653413) 3.35 Animal Stories (5590719)

3.45 Giggly Bitz! (5407055) 4.00 Pump It Up (326) 4.30 Mystic Knights of Tir Na Nog (210) 5.30 WEST Sportsweek (790) 5.30 WALES: Quiz Challet

knowledge contest (T) (790) 5.58 HTV Weather (705018) 6.00 HTV News (T) (603) 6.29 Crimestoppers (598784) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (555) 7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards

Right Popular game show (1) (3852) 7.30 Coronation Street Mike keeps a dangerous liaison (T) (239) 8.00 Parking Wars The over-zealous clamper Mark is virtually taken prisoner by the head of a company paying tor his services (4/6) (T) (2500)

8.30 Motorway Life PCs Pete Stott and Steve Burgess deal with defective coaches, and the site manager has his hands full with a blazing trailer (T) (4535)



The Leonardo DiCaprio "lookalike" living rent-free with his mother (9pm)

9.00 CROICE Family Feuds Documentary dissecting various instances of domestic disharmony (1) (4055) 10.00 Holidays from Hell (r) (59055) 10.30 Pleasure Island The staff go on full alert as a humcane threatens to hit the resort

(5/6) (T) (31603) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (317582) 11,20 HTV News and Weather (1) (908581) 11.30 Wonderful You Nancy gives Henry ar ultimatum (6/7) (r) (T) (878061) 12.30am WALES: We Can Work It Out

Consumer reports (84543) 12.35 WEST: ITV at Fleadh Musical highlights (r) (6477185) 1.00 WALES: Public Morals Corinne's boyfnend is arrested (r) (3546630)

1.35 Club@vision (6439036) 2.15 The Haunted Fishtank (r) (86017) 2.45 Baywatch (r) (T) (2569272) 3.40 Trisha Studio discussion (T) (1523291) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (83769727) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (27307)

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(93226993) 10.00 CatDog (T) (54540210) 10.20 Boy Meets World (T) (54639158) 10.45 Moesha (T) (84179103) 11.15 The Bigger Breakfast (25160210) 11.30 Powerhouse (T) (90577245) 12.00 Home Improvement (63233413) 12.30pm Sesame Street (93124581) 1.00 Planed Plant (T) (697622 1.30 Earthscape (T) (82944055) 1.35 FILM:
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11.15 The Bigger Breakfast (6325264) 11.30 Powerhouse (1806) 12.00 Sesame Street (r) (T) (56968) 12.30pm Bewitched (r) (T) (74852)

1.00 Caroline in the City Richard loses his new patron (51516) 1.30 Little Gems (1) (58942806) 1.45 Julie (1956) A woman makes a terrifying

discovery and fears that her new husband is trying to kill her. Chilling drame, starring Doris Day. Directed by Andrew L Stone (93860158) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (531) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (968)

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Texas and UB40 (82871) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (629535) 7.55 The A-Z of Scotland Issues concerning the unemployed to Zetland (T) (581429) 8.00 Tracing Up Car-swapping game show (5/6) (T) (7582)

8.30 Brookside Lindsey beats a hasty retreat (f) (2177)



Lisa Kudrow stars as Phoebe and her twin sister Ursula (9pm)

9.00 Friends Phoebe's identical lwin pays a visit, leading to multiple mishaps and misunderstandings (r) (T) (7413) 9.30 Smack the Pony Officeat sketch show, starring Fiona Allen, Doon Mackichan and Sally Phillips (4/7) (T) (67516)

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11.10 The Adam and Joe Show New series. Officeal comedy duo Adam Buxton and Joe Comish present their latest home-made TV show, leaturing a Toy Movie entitled "Saving Private Lion (833158)

11.40 TFI Friday Shown earlier (r) (715500) 12.45am 4 Later Introduction, Pulp (1908369) 1.05 Flava The black music scene (3543543) 1.40 The Mod Squad Cop drama (3552291) 2.40 Vids Video review (r) (5534949) 3.10 Lust for a Vempire (1970) A well-to-do

girl in a private school turns out to be a blood-sucking creature of the night. Hammer shocker, with Ralph Bates. Directed by Jimmy Sangster (678562) 4.45 The Beat Manifesto An aspiring hippie leaves his rural background for the high lite in New York (83759340)

FIRE CHANNELS ! 6.00am 5 News and Sport (5730177) 7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (2680993)

7.30 Milkshake! (2478351) 7.35 Muppet Bables (r) (4809264) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8516697)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (8515968) 9.00 Nancy Lam (r) (1) (8602448) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6609245) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (4092719)

11.10 Leeza (r) (3684784) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8519784)

12.30pm Family Affairs Gabby puts Pete on the spot (r) (1); 5 News Update (8689023) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful James falls out with Maggie (T) (2689264)

1.30 The Roseanne Show (9039564) 2.00 McMillan and Wife: Blues for Sally M (TVM 1973) The detective duo's suspicions are aroused when a musician dedicates a special composition to Mrs McMillan. With Rock Hudson. Directed by Bob Lewis (76781429)

3.20 West Point Story (1950) Musical comedy, starring James Cagney as an unemployed Broadway director who agrees to stage an amateur show at the famous military academy. Directed by Roy Del Ruth (10202210)

5.20 5 News (59091245) 5.30 100 Per Cent (6987448)

6.00 5 News and Sport; Weather Round-up of the day's stories (T) (6977061) 6.30 Family Affairs Simon reveals Pam's case has been dropped (T) (6895413)

7.00 Knight Rider Michael is charged with murder (r) (2821697) 7.30 Aussie Birds Spectacular lootage of the osprey in action (T) (6891697)

8.00 Was it Good for You? Brittany is the chosen destination for two groups of holiday-makers (2903245) 8.30 Nick's Quest Vampire bats attract Nick Baker to the tropical forests of Belize,

where the bloodthirsty creatures exist in great numbers (r) (T) (2819852) 9.00 The Heart of the Lie (TVM 1991) Lindsay Frost stars as a police officer framed by colleagues for the murder of her husband's ex-wife and senlenced to life imprisonment. Fact-based drama, with Timothy Busfield and John Karlen. Directed by Noel Nosseck (T); 5 News

Update (23386516) 10.40 Lexic The Dark Zone Stories The crew touch down on a planet used as a rubbish dump (r) (3570239)

11.40 in Dark Places (1997) A vengeful woman plots to kill off her last remaining relative when she finds out he has inherited the lamily fortune. Thriller, starting Joan Severance. Directed by James Burke (3425264)

1.30am The Hotel New Hampshire (1984) Comic fantasy exploring a family's journey of self-discovery when they take on the job of running a hatel. With Beau Bridges, Rob Lowe and Jodie Foster. Directed by Tony Richardson (3027678) 3.25 Bullet for a Badman (1964) A

disgraced Texas Ranger escapes from prison and sets out to prove his innocence. Western, with Audie Murphy. Directed by R.G Springsteen (87699388) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (r) (6601727)

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4.00pm Seps at Sea (1940) (7292245)
5.80 The Directors The Films of Ron
Howard (7109581) 6.00 Tarzan and the
Leopard Woman (1946) (735142) 7.30
Howards End (1992) (9816852) 10.00
Charlie Bubbles (1967) (7513805) 11.45
Big Jim McLain (1952) (1576871) 1.20am
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Sons of the Desert (1934) (45721036)
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9,80pm WCW Nitro (65566061) 11.25 WCW Thunder (40801500) 1.15am The Biggest Bundle of Them All (1968) (80765456) 2.15 Arturo's Island (1963) (70193369) 5.00 Close SKY SPORTS 1 7.00em Sports Centre 7.15 Wresting 8.15
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Weekend 6.00 Sports Centre 7.00 Live

Super League 9.30 World Sport Special 10.00 Sports Centre 11.00 Hold the Back

Page 12.00 Premier League Preview 12.30mm Scorts Centre 1.30 Wrestling 3.30 Friday Night Footbas 5.30 World Sport

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UK GOLD 7.00am Crossroads 7.30 Neighbours 7.55
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DISNEY CHANNEL

The classic sci-fi story is brought up to date in John Carpenter's comedy Memoirs of an Invisible Man (FilmFour, 8pm)

Hill Street Blues 12.00 My Two Wives 12.30cm The Curse of King Turankhamen's Tomb 2.00 Close

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6.00am Power Rangers Turbo 6.55 Spiderman 7.20 Oggy and the Cock-roaches 7.30 Dennis and Grasher 8.00 reaches 7,30 Denns and Gresher 8.00 Hero Turtes 8.25 The Incredible Hulk 8.50 hro Man 9.15 Fanlastic Four 9.40 X-Men 10.05 Casper 10.30 Oggy and the Cockroaches 10.55 Eek/Straveganza 11.05 Sobby's World 11.30 Lile with Louie 11.55 Home to Rent 12.06gm The Societ Files of the Spy Dogs 12.30 Denkey Kong Country 1.00 Monght 25 Ace Ventura 1.55 The beautiful bills. 130 know Men 2.65

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7.30am Bloomberg Information TV 8.00 Signifings 9.00 Battlestar Galactica 10.00 Signification Man 11.00 Dark Shedows 11.30 Ray Bradbury Theatre 12.00 Twiligh

8.00em Smply Painting 6.30 Instant Gardens 7.00 Potted History with Amony Hern 7.30 The Restoration Game 8.00 Austratia's Strangest Home Improvements 8.30 The Close Guide 9.00 The Joy of

4.00pm Rex Huni Fishing Adventures 4.30 The Dicemen 5.00 Connections 6.00 Widdle SOS 6.30 Unlamed Amazonia 7.30 Flightline 8.00 Tarantulas and Their Venomous Retainers 9.00 Secrets of the Deep 10.00 Bear Attack 11.00 Dolptini Mariers 50.00 April Misconer 1.00pm Warriors 12.00 Animal Weapons 1.00mm Flightine 1.30 The Diceman 2.00 Close

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HISTORY 4.00pm World War One: Germany's Secret Gambies 5.00 The Statue of Liberty 6.00 Curse on the Gypsies 6.56 Photos for the Future 7.00 Biography Nicolae Ceausescu

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SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics 7.30 Sports Centre 7.45 Racing News 8.15 Rebel Sports 8.45 Sports Centre 8.00 Formula Three 9.30 Formula Palmer Audi 18.00 The Rugby Club 11.00 Sports Auction Preview 11.30 Live International Cricket 8.00pm Live US Golf 9.00 Live US Golf 11.30 Moto-Plus 12.00 NFL Europe 12.30am Friday Night Footbell 2.00 Sports Centre 3.00 Hold the Back Page 4.00 Super League 5.00 Moto-Plus 5.30 Extreme Sailing SKY SPORTS 3_

6.00am Live Motorcycling 7.00 Live Motorcycling 8.15 Live Motorcycling 9.15 Football 11.30 Motorcycling 1.30pm Live Terms 4.30 Live Weightling 6.15 Motorcycling 7.00 Live Weightling 9.00 Borang 10.00 Motorcycling 11.00 Ferrong 12.00 Motorcycling 11.00 Ferrong

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FOX KIDS NETWORK

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SATELLITE: 8pm-MEDIEGHT ONLY

11.30 Ray Bradbury Theatre 12.00 Twilight Zone 12.30pm Tates of the Unexpected 2.00 Amazong Stones 2.30 Maysteres, Magic and Maracles 3.00 Battlestar Galactica 4.00 Incredible Hulk 5.00 Sightings 5.00 Ray Bradbury Theatre 6.30 New Affred Highcook 7.00 So. Million Dollar Man 8.00 Amazong Stones 8.30 Highlander: The Raven 9.30 The Hunger 10.00 FILM: Timecop (1994) 12.00 Dangaoth 1.30am Amazing Stones 2.00 Cybernet 2.30 100 Years of Horror 3.00 Dark Shadows 3.30 Dark Shadows 4.00 Close HOME & LEISURE

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ANIMAL PLANET 12.00em Holywood Salari 1.00pm Wild Guide 1.30 Going Wild with Jeff Corwin 2.00 Crocodie Hunter 3.00 Crocodie Hunter 4.00 Crocodie Hunter 5.00 Twisted Table F.00 Wild Corp. 6.00 New York

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Glorious goal by Giggs may act as catalyst for Ferguson's revitalised team

Spirited United thirsting after a treble

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A PART of them wanted to live for the moment, to exult in what they had achieved to praise a goal in a million and a rare triumph over Arsenal in an FA Cup semi-final replay that had turned into a dramapacked classic. Even as they emerged from a riotous dressing-room and walked into the embraces of their families, though, the Manchester United players were already aware that their Villa Park victory might carry a more lasting They may have arrived back

in Manchester at 2am, but many of them found it hard to get any sleep for the remain-der of Wednesday night because the adrenalin was still pumping through them. By yesterday lunchtime, their mood had stiffened. The excitement was tempered by determination and a hard-edged belief that their first victory over their greatest rivals in seven attempts could act as a springboard for the last stages of their assault on an unprecedented treble.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, may be wary of such thoughts, particularly after his horse, Candleriggs, a clear favourite in the 3.45 at Newmarket yesterday, trailed in sixth. He knows that until Ryan Giggs catapulted them tional goal in the second period of extra time, their season had been threatening to lurch towards implosion.

United were drained by the weight of expectation and the stream of crucial matches flowing inexorably towards them. Giggs and David Beckham appeared stale, Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole had hit the first barren spell of their prolific partnership. They were being held together by the industry of Roy Keane — whose sending-off in the replay will lead to a onematch ban - and the form of Peter Schmeichel.

Wednesday has changed all that. The victory over Arsenal may have sapped their reserves of strength in some ways, but in others it has acted like a rest cure. United are a team reinvigorated, ready to attack the last phase of their season, not just endure it. Ferguson deserves much of

the credit. His decision to field Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer instead of Cole and Yorke raised eyebrows and briefly reopened the debate about how seriously he was taking the competiion. Sheringham, though, played superbly in the first half, tearing the Arsenal defence apart with his deft passes and clever runs as if they were novices, not the most parsimonious back four in

Europe. Ferguson will probably revert to Cole and Yorke in ingham's performance should have rid Yorke's game of the hints of complacency that were beginning to creep into it.

ites to lift the FA Cup at Wembley on May 22 against a New-castle United side that is in transition. That, in theory at least, should be the easiest part. Their position in the race

United will be clear favour-

for the FA Carling Premiership was also strengthened on Chelsea failing to leapfrog them at the top of the table by drawing 0-0 away to Middlesbrough, but also by the psychological advantage they estab-lished over Arsenal.

If victory acted as an elixir for United, defeat will have tasted like poison for Arsène Wenger's side. It may take some time for them to recover

and they will have to pay par-ticular heed to the wellbeing of their most influential forward.

Dennis Bergkamp.
Bergkamp had set his heart
on reaching Wembley after a hamstring injury forced him to miss the final last season. He took the penalty in the last minute of normal time that

hurting like hell at the moment," Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal left back, said, "but we have to put this behind us and press on in the league. We are a resilient side. We will not let this affect us."

United, too, are determined to forge on. It is likely that crutches after sustaining an

day. Winning the domestic Double would lose some of its sheen if they fail in their quest for the trooby that means

Frankie Dettori, a committed Arsenal fan and the big-race winner at Newmarket yesterday, playfully gets to grips with Ferguson, the United manager. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

more to them than any other. them in the first leg after they had been outplayed in the first half. If their confidence was dented by that result, Giggs has brought it flooding back. United feel as though they can beat anyone again. The treble,

to be fit for the biggest test of all, the second leg of the Euro-pean Cup semi-final against Juventus in Turin on Wednes-

TREBLES AND STRIFE

MANY have tried and only one has succeeded. Achieving "treble" of a chempionship and two cups, domestic or Eu eluded many of the great British teams since the war.

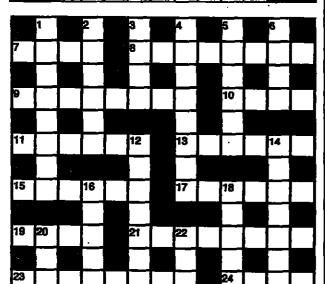
1957; MANCHESTER UNITED: League 1st, FA Cup runners-up,

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Bucking the trend were **LIVERFOOL**, under Joe Fegan, who won a treble of the League Championetic, the League Cup and the European Cup in 1984.





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Bradley's optimistic nature

By Alan Lee, racing correspondent

CONTROVERSY can breed popularity but, as Graham Bradley discovered yesterday, it cannot bring contentment. Bradley found the racing community gathering supportive-ly behind him at Cheltenham. but the ride that may prove to be his last ended in distress. the horse dead and the jockey brought back by ambulance.

Instead of an uplifting intermission to his harrowing week, it was all in keeping with the ordeal for Bradley. Charged, on Tuesday, with conspiracy to cheat by losing a race deliberately, he had shown the stoical side of his character by turning up to partner Country Star 24 hours before the Jockey Club decides if his licence should be with-

There was a wave of sympathy, a sense of indignation on his behalf, a common will to see him win. He was cheered into the weighing-room by his fellow jockeys and spontaneous applause broke out as he mounted and circled the parade ring on the course where he has tasted the high life as a winner of the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle. But there the favoured script stalled.

Country Star was in front. with three fences to jump in the Nicholson Holman Cup. when he broke a hind leg on the flat in one of those inexplicable accidents that can scar a day's, racing. Bradley was deposited on the turf, his dignity insulted once again,

and within minutes the horse had been humanely put down. Bradley, 38, had arrived in the lunchtime sunshine, three hours before his one sched-uled ride. Chauffeured by Tony McCoy, the champion jockey, his lodger and greatest admirer, he strolled through the gates arm-in-arm with girl-Amanda Wilson,

Bradley after yesterday's fall

incorrigibly cheerful. "I wasn't going to duck this," he said. "If I'm going to go out, I want it to be on a winner." The belief that he would do

so strengthened through the afternoon, as did the stated support of his peers. Richard Dunwoody, the most prolific National Hunt jockey in history, summed up the feeling. "It would be dreadful if they took his licence away," he said. "I know people will say this is just the lads sticking together, but this is racing talking, not just the weighing-room.

When Dean Gallagher, himself released from police bail in the same inquiry only last month, won the preceding race, the day was developing a symmetry of its own. The fact that Country Star was part-owned by Mrs Caroline Brooks, mother of Bradley's former boss, Charlie, rein-

forced the impression. Bradley was met by a small scrum of cameras as he emerged from the weighingroom. His colleagues pushed him forward to lead them out, like a cricketer being promoted to captain for his farewell match. There will be a stigma to all this, no matter its outcome, but for one day at least

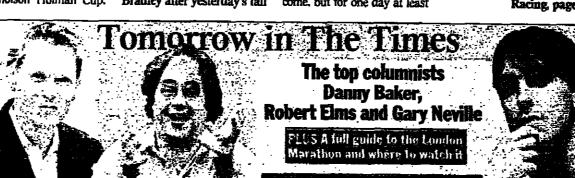
rounded by friends. It was different when he

returned, suddenly stripped of consolation. Brooks, cleared by the police on the day that Bradley was charged, had come to support both his mother and former jockey. Now, distraught at the outcome, he was determined to have his say.

"Everyone tells me I should say nothing, but I am appalled by the situation in which Brad finds himself. He was riding one of my horses in the race for which they have charged him and I have no doubt he has done nothing wrong. I am 100 per cent behind him, but the trouble with these things is that they take so long and take such a toll of everyone involved."

Racing's professionals are rushing to declare that Brad-ley is no criminal. The wheels f justice will take somewhat longer and, in the meantime, he could well be deprived of his livelihood. As he left Cheltenham, he remained optimistic. "I've got my fingers crossed and I'm hopeful I will get a good result tomorrow, so that I can go on doing what I have loved for the past 20 years," he said.

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